

## GRANTING OF SPECIAL NEEDS STATUS AND SPECIAL STATUS IN THE APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE – 2026/2027

### 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Applications for the granting of the status of a candidate with special needs and the status of a candidate with a special status in the application and admission procedure for enrolment in undergraduate and unified master's study programmes in the academic year 2026/2027 and second-cycle master's study programmes in the academic year 2026/2027 are considered by the Commission for Applications and Complaints in the Application Procedure of the University of Maribor.

The Commission for Applications and Complaints in the Application Procedure decides on the granting of the status of a candidate with special needs and the status of a candidate with a special status in the application and admission procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Rules on the Call for Enrolment and Implementation of Enrolment in Higher Education (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, 6/22, 4/23, 5/24, 7/24, 56/25 – ZviS-1) and the Call for Enrolment in Undergraduate and Integrated Master's Study Programmes in the Academic Year 2026/2027. The Commission decides on the granting of the status based on the relevant evidence that the candidate uploads in the application for enrolment on the eVŠ portal.

The candidate submits the evidence for the granting of the special status via the eVŠ information system no later than the deadline set in the general provisions of the Call for Enrolment in Undergraduate and Integrated Master's Study Programmes in the 2026/2027 academic year.

Candidates apply for the granting of the status of a candidate with special needs and the status of a candidate with special status in the application and admission procedure at the same time as submitting the application for enrolment, in which they indicate that they wish to apply for the status of a candidate with special needs and a special status. At the appropriate statement, candidates indicate that they wish to apply for the granting of the special status. This is considered as an application for the granting of the status of a candidate with special needs/special status in the application and admission procedure.

Candidates must attach documents to their applications for enrolment proving that they are:

- blind and visually impaired candidates or candidates with impaired visual function, deaf and hard of hearing candidates, deaf-blind candidates, candidates with speech-language disorders, candidates with deficits in individual areas of learning, physically disabled candidates, long-term ill candidates, candidates with autism spectrum disorders and candidates with psychosocial issues;
- candidates categorized as athletes and coaches, candidates recognized as artists and cultural figures, other candidates participating in (regional) international competitions, and candidates who are parents until the start of compulsory schooling of their child.

Special needs are taken into account if they arose before the end of secondary school.

Special statuses are taken into account if they existed during the period considered for admission (3rd or 4th year or the end of secondary school).

Candidates submit the evidence via the eVŠ portal at the time of filling out the application for enrolment, or can also submit it electronically via the eVŠ portal afterwards, but no later than the following deadlines:

- in the First application period no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026. The status of a candidate with special needs and special status granted in the First application period is also taken into account in the Second application period and in the Application period for still-available enrolment places.
- in the Second application period no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2026. The status of a candidate with special needs and special status granted in the Second application period is also taken into account in the Application period for still-available enrolment places.

The status of a candidate with special status is only valid for the application and admission procedure of the current year. It is not possible to apply for the status of a candidate with special needs and special status during the Application period for still-available enrolment places.

The competent authority of the university or public and licensed independent higher education institutions decides on the granting of status and informs the candidate about this via the eVŠ portal.

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## 2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE GRANTING OF STATUS

Documents with which candidates demonstrate the conditions on the basis of which the status of a candidate with special needs or the status of a candidate with a special status can be granted must refer to the period defined for each category of candidates (special needs/special status) in point 1.

The relevant documents proving the conditions referred to in point 1 are:

- a decision on orientation from the National Education Institute Slovenia or an expert opinion of the commission for the orientation of children with special needs,
- a decision of the Centre for Social Work for the implementation of the childcare allowance,
- a medical certificate from a specialist doctor,
- a certificate from the Olympic Committee of Slovenia on the status of a categorized athlete (or a screenshot of the Olympic Committee of Slovenia website showing the categorization and the period of the candidate's categorization) or a high school certificate on the status of a student of a top athlete or a certificate from a national sports branch association on A status.
- a certificate from a national sports association or club on the appointment as a coach,
- a certificate of full membership in a national or international association in the field of art or culture or the status of an independent artist,
- authorship or involvement in the performance of artistic or cultural work (awards or recognitions for exceptional achievements) on a national or international level,
- certificate of top ranking in a regional international competition,
- birth certificate of a child or other appropriate proof.

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## 3. PLACEMENT OF A CANDIDATE ON THE LIST OF ACCEPTED

A candidate with the status of a candidate with special needs or a candidate with a special status in the application and admission procedure who meets the conditions for enrolment shall be included in the regular selection procedure together with all other candidates and shall be ranked in accordance with the provisions of the Call for Enrolment in Undergraduate and Integrated Master's Study Programmes in the Academic Year 2026/2027 (MVZI, Ljubljana, 30 January 2026) and the Rules on the Call for Enrolment and Implementation of Enrolment in Higher Education (Ur. I. RS, 6/22, 4/23, 5/24, 7/24, 56/25 – ZviS-1).

A candidate with the status of a candidate with special needs or the status of a candidate with a special status in the application and admission procedure who is accepted in one of the study programmes specified in the application in the regular selection procedure shall receive a decision on the result of the selection procedure, which is issued to candidates in the regular classification procedure. In this case, the assigned status of a candidate with special needs/special status is not taken into account.

Taking into account the assigned status of a candidate with special needs/special status:

A candidate with the granted status of a candidate with special needs/special status, who was not placed anywhere in the regular selection procedure, is placed on the list of those subsequently admitted to a certain study programme if he/she meets the conditions for enrolment in this study programme and achieves at least 90% of the minimum points required for placement. He/she is admitted to the first of the study programmes listed in the application for enrolment for which he/she meets the conditions for enrolment and achieves 90% of the minimum points required for placement. The candidate is issued a decision on the result of the subsequent placement procedure.