Frequently Asked Questions related to Corona measures for the start of the Delft-based master programmes 2021

IHE Delft reserves the right to suspend, modify or cancel any of the measures described in the FAQ

F2F = Face to Face

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

I am unable to submit all the necessary documents due to the coronavirus measures in my country. What should I do?
Answer: It depends on the type of document, which is missing to complete your application if IHE can accept your incomplete application. If you have a question about it, you are advised to contact IHE Delft: info@un-ihe.org - IHE Delft will assess each case individually.

I am a bachelor student in the final phase of my bachelor’s programme and I want to start the IHE master programme in fall 2021. As a result of the corona measures, I may be unable to finish my final bachelor’s subjects and to obtain my bachelor degree before the start of your programme. Can I still apply for admission?
Answer: As a result of the corona measures, some prospective students may be faced with a slight delay in the final phase of their bachelor’s programme. In this case, IHE will decide on an individual basis whether a student can be conditionally admitted. You can submit an online application and instead of your bachelor diploma degree certificate, you are requested to upload a letter of your university stating when you are scheduled to finish your bachelor study and are expected to graduate. In case you can be conditionally admitted, you will receive a conditional admission letter. If you will obtain your bachelor’s degree within the given time frame and meet all other conditions, the conditional admission to the master programme may be converted into a academical and after confirmed funding into a final admission.

I am unable to take the English proficiency test because test centres are closed. What should I do?
Answer: IHE accepts the TOEFL-ibt Special Home Edition. This test can be taken at home. For more information please visit the IHE website: https://www.un-ihe.org/english-language-requirements

I Please note that for submitting an online application it is not required to upload the results of your English language test. These can be uploaded later. However, you are advised to register simultaneously for one of the English language tests that is accepted by IHE Delft at the time you are submitting your application for admission: More information on IHE English requirements can be found on the IHE website: https://www.un-ihe.org/english-language-requirements

Can I defer my academic admission offer?
Answer: If you have applied for academic admission and have been academically admitted, but are not in a position to attend the programme for the academic year 2021, you may apply again for admission for 2022. Please note that the MSc programmes which will be offered in 2022 will not be offered again in the same structure. Application for 2022 will open around November 2021.
START OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Will the academic year 2021-2023 start in Delft, The Netherlands, as scheduled on 21st October 2021?

Answer: The official opening of the academic year 2021 is scheduled for 21st October 2021. Due to quarantine measures, all master students who start their master programme at IHE in October, are advised to arrive on 8th October 2021. Most probably you need to go in quarantine for 10 days in your student accommodation. Thereafter Face to Face registration activities will take place before the official start of the academic year on 21st October 2021.

When should I arrive:

Answer: Due to quarantine measures, all master students who start their master programme at IHE in October, are advised to arrive on 8th October 2021. Most probably you need to go in quarantine for 10 days in your student accommodation. After quarantine has finished a Face to Face registration is scheduled to take place in the IHE building.

Where can I find the academic calendar of the 18-month MSc programme?

Answer: https://www.un-ihe.org/sites/default/files/academic_calendar_2021-2023_-_final.pdf

COST RELATED MATTERS

If I have a scholarship, but unable to start my study in The Netherlands as I did not receive my visa in time/non-availability of flights, and due to bad internet or connection in my country or non-availability of laptop, I will not be able to follow online education, what are then the financial consequences?

Answer: the rules and regulations of your sponsor will apply. IHE will do its best to find suitable solutions where possible, but your sponsor may decide to cancel your scholarship.

VISA

I am unable to collect my entry visa for The Netherlands in my home country due to the coronavirus measurements, what should I do?

Answer: For all prospective students, who have confirmed funding (via scholarship confirmation or payment of the fees), and who need a visa/residence permit for The Netherlands, IHE will start the procedure for visa application. The Immigration in The Netherlands will check the needed documents and will send the approval for issuing your entry visa to The Netherlands representatives abroad. If, due to Corona, the Netherlands representative where you are supposed to collect your entry visa (MVV) is closed and no visa requests are handled, IHE may request the immigration authorities that you your MVV in a neighbouring country. This will only be approved, if the embassy in the neighbouring country agrees, if you would not be able to arrive in the Netherlands on time and if there are no travel restrictions to travel to that neighbouring country.

You may check the situation for your country at: https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/

What happens if I cannot get my visa on time?

Answer: In this case you are requested to contact your fellowship officer, who may provide necessary assistance.
QUARANTINE MEASURES
If I were to come to IHE, what quarantine measures would I have to take?
Answer: For the current measures please find detailed advice on the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) website, this site is updated on a regular basis.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS: ENTERING THE NETHERLANDS
From 1 June 2021, self-quarantine when returning from high-risk areas is required by law. If you do not stick to the self-quarantine requirement, you will be fined.

Which travel restrictions apply to me?
The Dutch government has set up a tool to check which travel restrictions apply based on when and from where you are entering the Netherlands. The tool will let you know whether you need a PCR test result and whether you need to self-quarantine: https://reizentijdenscorona.rijksoverheid.nl/en

What are the risk levels and travel advice?
The Dutch government has determined four “risk levels”. These risk levels include both COVID-19 related risks, as well as other risks. Please note, these risk levels are different from the EU risk levels.

- **Green or yellow**
  You can travel to this country, there are no or limited risks.
  You do not have to go into self-quarantine after returning from a green or yellow country.

- **Orange or red**
  You should not travel to this country, there are risks.
  You may have to go into self-quarantine after returning from an orange or red country. You may also be required to self-quarantine upon arrival in the country.

Please check: https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/documenten/vragen-en-antwoorden/welke-landen-hebben-welke-kleurcode for a map or risk levels.

Do I need to go into self-quarantine after arrival in the Netherlands?
Upon entering the Netherlands from a risk-area, you are legally required to self-quarantine in your own accommodation for 10 days, even if you tested negative before traveling.


When do you need to self-quarantine?
To check if you need to go into self-quarantine, please see the government website for a list of safe countries for which a mandatory self-quarantine does not apply:
If the country you are traveling from is not on the above list, it is mandatory to self-quarantine. The list is continuously updated, so make sure to check shortly before traveling.

**How do I schedule a test with the GGD**

If you develop any symptoms during your self-quarantine, it is important that you schedule a PCR test with the Municipal Health Care in the Netherlands (GGD). If you do not develop any symptoms, it is also possible to get tested on day 5 of your self-quarantine. If the result of this test is negative, you may end your quarantine.

**What are the testing requirements?**

Everyone traveling to the Netherlands from a high-risk country must present either:

- a negative NAAT (PCR) test result based on a sample collected no more than 24 hours before boarding.

Or:

- both a negative NAAT (PCR) test result based on a sample collected no more than 72 hours before arrival in the Netherlands and a negative rapid test result based on a sample collected no more than 24 hours before boarding.

A high-risk country is any country that is not on the EU list of safe countries:


Not sure where to get the appropriate test? Please see this overview of PCR and/or rapid test locations outside the Netherlands:

https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/documents/frequently-asked-questions/where-can-i-get-a-pcr-or-rapid-test-outside-the-netherlands

For specific information on test requirements, please see the Dutch government website:


**Where can I find the Health declaration and Quarantine Declaration Form?**

In addition to a negative test result, you will also need a health declaration and a quarantine declaration form. This is a form that you should print and fill out by yourself. You can download the form from the page: https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19/documenten/publicaties/2021/05/20/quarantaineverklaring