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**REGULATION**  
**ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ADMISSION**  
**COMPETITION TO THE DOCTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM**  
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## **I. GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE DOCTORAL STUDIES**

The Military Technical Academy „Ferdinand I” (MTA) organizes an admission competition for the university level doctoral studies.

The admission competition is under the responsibility of the Doctoral School of the academy and is organized in accordance with:

- Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as amended and supplemented;
- Order of the Minister of Education No. 3020 of 08.01.2024 approving the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies published in the Official Gazette No. 56 of 22.01.2024, Part I, as amended and supplemented;
- Order of the Minister of National Defence No. M 217/2019 approving the conditions and criteria for recruitment, as well as the Instructions on the organization and operation of the recruitment, selection and professional training of candidates for the military profession, as amended and supplemented;
- Order of the Minister of Education No. 3693 of 01.02.2024 approving the "Framework methodology on the organization of admissions to bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies";
- Law No. 9 of 04.01.2023 amending and supplementing GEO no. 41/2016 regarding the establishment of simplification measures at the level of the central public administration and for amending and supplementing certain normative acts;
- Resolution of the General Directorate for Human Resources Management no. D.G.M.R.U. 17/29.11.2024 regarding the methodology for organizing and conducting the admission competition to study programs in military higher education institutions, in the academic year 2025-2026;
- Regulation U.E. no. 679/2016 regarding the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

## II. CONDITIONS FOR ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING THE FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES ADMISSION COMPETITION

**II.1.** The admission of candidates to the doctoral studies is done through a competition, organized by the doctoral school, during the period **24.08-14.09.2026**.

The admission competition contains, in addition to the test specific to the field of study, a language proficiency test for an international language.

In the case of foreign citizens, the language proficiency test will assess knowledge of either Romanian or an international language, depending on the language chosen for the study program. Foreign citizens who come from states whose official language is the international language chosen for the study program or who have graduated from previous study programs conducted in that international language are exempt from this rule.

The language proficiency test is taken at the Department of Foreign Languages, Military Sciences and Management, which issues a language proficiency certificate.

If a candidate holds a valid internationally recognized language proficiency certificate, the language proficiency test is no longer required.

By the validity of a language proficiency certificate we mean that it must be issued by institutions delivering internationally recognized language proficiency certificates and must be no more than 5 years old from the date of issuance (4 years in the case of the STANAG certificate). Also, for STANAG certificates below level 2, the need to take the language proficiency test within the Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I" remains. Any certificate issued in Romania or abroad (including graduation diplomas from specialized courses, etc.), without international recognition, will not be taken into account and imply the need to assess the language proficiency by testing within The Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I".

The number of places financed from the state budget for full-time doctorates is distributed by doctoral fields and doctoral supervisors by the Council for Doctoral Studies (C.D.S.) and is approved by the rector of the academy.

The number of places with paid tuition fees is established for each doctoral field and doctoral supervisor by the C.D.S. based on the proposals of the doctoral school, and is approved by the rector of the academy.

The admission competition for doctoral studies is organized by doctoral fields, before admission committees consisting of at least 3 members, one of whom is the chairman of the committee.

The committees are proposed by the council of the doctoral school and approved by the rector of the academy. The members of the proposed committees must be doctoral supervisors or specialists with a doctorate title, and have the teaching position of at least associate professor or scientific researcher level II.

The committee can include specialists from the country which fulfil these conditions.

**II.2.** The doctoral studies organized by The Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I" are of a scientific type, with full-time or part-time attendance and are financed from *the state budget*, by a *tuition fee*, or from *other legally established sources*.

Only graduates with a master's degree or equivalent are entitled to participate in the doctoral admission competition at the academy, regardless of the year of graduation from the master's program.

The registration for the admission competition for doctoral studies in a certain field of study can be made regardless of the field in which the bachelor's and master's degrees were obtained. The total cumulative duration of the bachelor's and master's degree cycle must be at least 300 ECTS credits.

Citizens of European Union member states, of the states belonging to the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation, as well as Romanians living abroad, regardless of their citizenship, are subject to the conditions provided by law for Romanian citizens, including those regarding tuition fees.

Graduates of studies completed abroad and recognized by the specialized department within the Ministry of Education and Research as master's degree studies may also apply for the admission competition, and the cumulative number of transferable study credits acquired for the bachelor's and master's degree cycles must be at least 300 ECTS.

### III. ORGANIZATION OF THE ADMISSION COMPETITION

**The admission of candidates** to the doctoral studies is organized by the Doctoral School, as follows:

- 24.08- 28.08.2026, 14:00 hrs – registration and receipt of the doctoral application folders;
- 02 - 03.09.2026– conducting the language proficiency test for an internationally spoken language (English, French);
- 04.09.2026 – publication of the results to the language proficiency test;
- 07 - 11.09.2026– conducting the test specific to the doctoral studies field;
- 14.09.2026– publication of the results of the admission competition.

Admission to the doctoral program is made by competition. The number of places up for competition for each academic year financed from the state budget, is approved by the Minister of National Defence; and that of places financed by paid tuition fees is proposed by the Doctoral School Council, validated in the DSC, approved by the University Senate, and is communicated to the candidates by publication on the institution's website.

The research topics submitted for competition by the doctoral supervisors, for each academic year, are approved by the Doctoral School Council and are published on the institution's website. The number of research topics must be greater than the number of places allocated to the respective supervisor.

Before the admission competition, the *Doctoral coordination department* within the University Management Department communicated to the committees the candidates' application folders for preliminary evaluation.

Candidates can register for the admission competition at the headquarters of the Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I" or online.

The candidate for the doctoral admission competition must submit the following documents to the Doctoral Coordination Department:

- Registration request;
- Application form;
- **Language proficiency certificate<sup>1</sup>**;
- Curriculum vitae;
- List of published works;
- **Birth certificate<sup>1</sup>**;
- **High school degree<sup>1</sup>** or equivalent;
- **Bachelor's degree<sup>1</sup>** or equivalent,
- **Master's degree<sup>1</sup>**, with afferent annexes. Applicants who passed the dissertation exam in Romania in the sessions corresponding to the 2025/2026 academic year may present the certificate issued by the education institution they graduated from.

*In the event that the applicant presents degrees obtained abroad, in non-EU countries, he/she will prove that these are equivalent to the high school, bachelor's or master's degrees and will present copies of these documents issued by the Ministry of Education and Research. The certificate issued by the Ministry of Education and Research will be accompanied by copies of the notarized translations of the diplomas that were the basis for its issuance.*

- **Marriage certificate<sup>1</sup>** or, as the case may be, **another name-changing document<sup>1</sup>**, if applicable;
- **Identity card<sup>1</sup>**;
- Affidavit attesting the authenticity of the graduation theses and published articles;
- Statement regarding the authenticity and accuracy between the digital/scanned documents submitted by the candidate and the originals, as well as the consent regarding personal data processing;
- Proof of payment of the admission fee/documents proving exemption from paying the competition registration fee.

**Applicants who want to register online** to the admission competition will send between 24.08.2026-28.08.2026, 14:00hrs, to the email address doctorat.mta@mta.ro the following documents:

- Registration application – it can be downloaded from <https://mta.ro/admiteredoctorat>, filled-in and signed;
- Registration sheet - it can be downloaded from <https://mta.ro/admitere-doctorat>, filled-in and signed;
- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of linguistic proficiency certificate;
- Signed Curriculum vitae;
- Signed list of published works;
- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the birth certificate;
- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the high school diploma or equivalent;
- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the master's degree, with afferent annexes.

Applicants who passed the dissertation exam in Romania in the sessions corresponding to

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<sup>1</sup> Fotocopiarea documentelor se va asigura în mod gratuit de către Compartimentul coordonare doctorat

the 2025/2026 academic year may send a scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the certificate issued by the education institution they graduated from.

*In the event that the applicant submits degrees obtained abroad, in non-EU countries, he/she will prove that these are equivalent to the high school, bachelor's or master's degrees and will submit copies of these documents issued by the Ministry of Education and Research. The certificate issued by the Ministry of Education and Research will be accompanied by copies of the notarized translations of the diplomas that were the basis for its issuance.*

- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the marriage certificate or, as the case may be, another name-changing document, if applicable;

- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the identity card;

- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the affidavit regarding the authenticity of the graduation theses and published articles, filled-in and signed. The affidavit model can be downloaded from <https://mta.ro/admitere-doctorat>;

- Scanned copy/image (jpg, tiff etc.) of the statement on the authenticity and conformity of the digital/scanned documents submitted by the applicant with the originals, and the personal data processing consent, filled-in and signed. The statement model can be downloaded from <https://mta.ro/admitere-doctorat>;

- Proof of payment of the competition entry fee/documents proving exemption from paying the competition entry fee.

The fee can be paid on [www.mta.ro](http://www.mta.ro), section Taxes, Doctoral School.

The amount of **the registration fee** to the doctoral admission competition is **250 lei**.

Candidates for places financed from the state budget or places financed by tuition fees who meet one of the following conditions are exempted from paying the registration fee:

- they are children of teaching staff, auxiliary teaching staff or former teachers who have since retired from the state and private education system;

- they are children of those who were injured in the December 1989 revolution;

- they are children of army personnel classified as having 1<sup>st</sup> degree of disability or who died during and due to service as a result of participation in military operations.

After submitting the above-listed documents, applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail (with any comments) and a unique identification code, used to display the results of the admission competition.

The applicants who fail to complete the application folder with all the specified documents by 28.08.2026, 14:00, will not be admitted to the competition.

Upon arriving at the MTA, before taking the first test of the admission exam, applicants who have opted for online registration will go to the Doctoral Coordination Department with the ID card and the originals of the degrees/certificates/supplements, so that the authorized person from the academy can apply the stamp of conformity with the originals on the documents submitted.

### **A. Registration of applicants for occupying the places financed from the state budget**

Only engineer officers employed by the Ministry of National Defence can apply for places financed from the state budget.

The application for participating to the competition for places financed from the state budget is usually made on the basis of a personal report approved by the commandant of the unit to which the applicant is assigned, and hierarchically promoted.

When registering, the applicant must specify the research topic he or she wishes to pursue during the doctoral studies, from the list of topics proposed by the doctoral supervisors and displayed on the MTA website.

The applicants for places financed from the budget, when registering for the admission competition and submitting the admission folder, may opt to attend the doctoral study program on the places with tuition fees, in the event that they are not admitted to the places financed from the budget.

### **B. Registration of applicants for occupying the places financed by tuition fees**

Registration for places financed by tuition fees is open to persons who meet the general registration requirements (holders of a master's degree or equivalent), regardless of whether or not they are part of the national defence system.

Upon registration, the applicant must specify the research topic they wish to pursue during their doctoral studies, from the list of topics proposed by the doctoral supervisors and displayed on the MTA website.

## **IV. THE ADMISSION COMPETITION**

**1. The linguistic proficiency test** is a **multiple-choice** test, for one of the internationally spoken languages (English or French), receiving a **PASS/FAIL**.

A candidate receives a **PASS** if they obtain a minimum grade of 6 (six).

Only candidates who received a **PASS** at the linguistic proficiency test have the right to take part in the test/tests specific to the doctoral studies field.

**2. The test specific to the field of doctoral studies** is an **interview**, and takes place in front of the *approved admission committee*.

The assessment of candidates for the test specific to the doctoral field of study is made on the basis of the doctoral research project developed in accordance with the requirements of Annex 9, the research project being evaluated on the basis of the criteria of Annex 10.

The assessment of candidates for the test specific to the doctoral field of study is made by each member of the admission committee, with grades from *0 to 10*. The average grade of each candidate represents the arithmetic average of the grades assigned by the members of the committee, calculated with two decimal places without rounding. The minimum admission average grade is **7.00 (seven)**.

**Candidates will be ranked** and declared admitted in descending order of average grades obtained from the test specific to the field of doctoral studies, depending on the number of places available for each doctoral supervisor. When it is necessary to separate several candidates with the same average, the following criteria will be used:

- average grade of the bachelor's/graduation exam;

- general average of the undergraduate studies;
- general average of the master's studies.

**3. The results of the test specific to the field of doctoral studies and the ranking of candidates will be announced on 14.09.2026.**

**The results of the language proficiency test (multiple choice) or the test specific to the doctoral field of study (interview) cannot be contested.**

The results of the admission competition will be published using the unique identification code.

**4. Complaints regarding the organization and conduct of the admission competition are submitted to the Doctoral Coordination Department within 24 hours of the results being posted and are resolved within 24 hours of the closing date for submitting complaints by the Complaints Resolution Committee.**

The Academy's Complaints Resolution Committee is the only one habilitated to decide on the merits of the complaints.

The decisions of the Complaints Resolution Committee are final.

## V. FINAL PROVISIONS

**1. The lists with candidates who have been declared "*ADMITTED*" at the doctoral studies competition is certified by the Doctoral School Council and is published on the institution's website.**

**2. For enrolling in the Military Technical Academy „Ferdinand I”, the candidates who have been declared "*ADMITTED*" must fill in and sign the doctoral studies agreement.**

**3. Candidates declared "*ADMITTED*" on the places with tuition fees must pay, on the date of signing the study agreement, half of the annual tuition fee. Candidates who do not fulfil this obligation will not be enrolled, the places thus vacated being filled through redistribution.**

**4. Candidates declared "*ADMITTED*" to places with tuition fees and who are foreign citizens will be verified by the authorized structures of the Ministry of National Defence in terms of safety and security, their enrolment being made only after obtaining the necessary security approvals/clearances.**

**5. The tuition fee for the doctoral study program will be established by decision of the University Senate and will be published on the institution's website, before the start of the admission competition.**

The information and clarifications within contain official data regarding the organization and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies at the academy; other information appearing in various publications are not binding towards the Ministry of National Defence and the academy in any way.

If the Ministry of Education and Research and the D.G.M.R.U. issue other clarifications regarding the 2026 admission competition, these will be communicated to the candidates in a timely manner by publishing them on the academy's website.

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1. Locurile scoase la concursul de admitere la studii universitare de doctorat pe conducători de doctorat
2. *Model* Cerere de înscriere
3. *Model* Fișă de înscriere
4. *Model* Certificat de competență lingvistică pentru admitere la doctorat
5. *Model* Declarație pe propria răspundere privind autenticitatea lucrărilor de absolvire și a articolelor publicate
6. *Model* Declarație cu privire la autenticitatea și corespondența dintre documentele digitale/scanate și cele originale, precum și acceptul privind prelucrarea datelor cu caracter personal
7. *Model* Fișă conținând caracterizarea candidatului la admiterea la doctorat
8. *Model* Proces verbal al comisiei de admitere la doctorat
9. Structura proiectului de cercetare doctorală
10. Criterii de apreciere