



Masters Admission – Waiver & Eligibility Framework

1. Academic Qualification Waiver (AQW)

Objective

- To support applicants who do not hold a full Bachelor's degree but have completed substantial post-secondary education relevant to the Master's program.

Eligibility

- Applicants must demonstrate at least two years of structured post-secondary study.
- Prior learning must be relevant to the chosen Master's specialization.
- Academic records must originate from recognized or legally operating institutions.
- This pathway primarily addresses academic gaps, not professional experience alone.
- Minimum two years of work experience in relevant discipline is essential.

Waiver Limits

- Subject-level waivers may be granted on a partially waived for Semester 1 only.
- Waivers under this category are strictly limited to foundation or introductory subjects.
- Core, advanced, and research-related subjects are not eligible for waiver under this framework.

2. Professional Experience-Based RPL Waiver (PER-W)

Objective

- To recognise high-quality professional and managerial experience as evidence of Master's-level readiness.

Eligibility

- Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of five to seven years of verifiable professional experience.
- At least three years must be in managerial, supervisory, or strategic roles.
- Professional experience must align clearly with the chosen Master's discipline.

Waiver Limits

- Subject waivers are capped as per the Program
- For a one-year Master's program, this equates to a waiver of Semester 1 only.
- For a two-year Master's program, waiver is applied to Semester 1 and Semester 2 only.

3. Executive and Lifelong Learning Pathway (ELLP)

Objective

- To provide an advanced admission route for mature, senior-level professionals with extensive experience and continuous learning.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be at least 30 years of age.
- A minimum of eight to ten years of professional experience is required.
- Evidence of continuous professional development is mandatory.
- Applicants must demonstrate leadership, strategic responsibility, or executive decision-making.

Waiver Limits

- A full waiver for all semesters, subject to eligibility and approval by the Academic Evaluation Committee.

Waiver & Eligibility Framework

Framework Name	Eligibility Criteria	Outcome	Waiver Limits
Academic Qualification Waiver (AQW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 years of post-secondary education (Diploma / Advanced Diploma / Associate Degree / Professional Qualification) Or Minimum 120 ECTS equivalent learning hours post-secondary education • Prior studies (post-secondary education) in a relevant discipline aligned with the Master's program • Minimum 2 years of work experience in a relevant discipline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct admission to Master's program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver replaces Bachelor's eligibility requirement only • 1st semester is partially waived off
Professional Experience-Based RPL Waiver (PER-W)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree in relevant discipline • Minimum 5–7 years of verifiable professional experience • At least 3 years in managerial / supervisory / strategic roles • Professional experience relevant to chosen Master's specialization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct admission to Master's program • Conditional admission with academic orientation module • Rejection if professional learning lacks academic depth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver grants admission eligibility only • Waiver grants Semester 1 waived off in one year Master's program • Waiver grants Semester 1 and Semester 2 for 2 years Master's program

Executive & Lifelong Learning Pathway (ELLP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Age: 30 years • Minimum 8–10 years of professional experience • Evidence of continuous learning (Executive education, CPD, certifications, MOOCs etc.) • Demonstrated leadership or strategic responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct admission to Master's program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All semesters are waived off
---	---	--	--

Important Note:

Academic Safeguards and Governance

- No waivers are permitted for:
 - Capstone projects or dissertations
 - Research methods modules
 - Ethics and governance subjects
- All waivers:
 - Are approved on a case-by-case basis
 - Require Academic Council or Admissions Committee approval
 - Are fully documented in academic records
- Waivers are non-transferable and apply only to the specific program admitted.