

Financial FAQs

Is there any financial support available for this programme?

Yes, successful completion of the programme entitles the candidate to:

- (a) [Tax Relief on Fees](#)
- (b) [Marino Teacher Fee Refund Scheme](#) (Dept. of Ed & Skills)

Will I need to apply for Year 2 via PAC? If so, do I have to pay an extra PAC fee?

If you take a break after year 1, you will need to reapply for the second year via PAC MAELM (*Top-up*) and this application will incur a fee.

Do I need to pay another €200 deposit to MU if accepting a place on MAELM (*Top-up*) even if I am a student on PGDELM currently?

If you take a break after the PGDELM and reapply for MAELM (*Top-up*), you will need to pay a deposit if accepting a place. Please be aware that you must have graduated from PGDELM prior to applying for T-MAELM.

If making an application for both courses (MEd and T-MAELM) do I need to pay two application fees?

Yes

Deferral FAQs

Can I defer my place on PGDELM?

Yes, if you are successful in achieving a place on the programme you may defer for a period of 1 year only upon payment of a deposit. Please note, a place in your initial centre of choice cannot be guaranteed in the case of deferral.

Can I defer my place on MAELM?

Yes. You have two options.

1. Defer registration until the following academic year (or later) when you complete the final 30 credits of the programme.
2. If you registered for MAELM and choose to take a year out, you can exit with a postgraduate diploma and then apply for a *MAELM (Top-up)* degree within four years from PGDELM graduation. **Places on T-MAELM are limited.**

Can I defer my place on T-MAELM?

No, deferral is not possible.

Reference FAQs

What kind of references do I need when applying for PGDELM / MAELM

Applicants must supply the names and contact information of two professional referees when making their application on the Postgraduate Application Centre (PAC).

Transfer FAQs

If I wish to exit the MAELM with the Diploma, is this possible?

You should register for the programme you intend to undertake, whether that be the Postgraduate Diploma (PGDELM) or the Master's (MAELM). If you register for the MAELM, it is possible to transfer to the PGDELM in February of the first year and exit with the Diploma if you complete the year successfully. However, if you register for the PGDELM, automatic transfer to the MAELM cannot be

guaranteed. Transfer will be dependent on availability of spaces in the MAELM and will be treated on a case-by-case basis. If you complete the PGDELM and wish to undertake the Master's programme, you will need to apply for entry to the T-MAELM within four years of graduating from PGDELM. Please be aware that you must have graduated prior to applying for T-MAELM and that this is a restricted programme with limited numbers admitted annually.

Academic FAQs

Can I continue with the same topic on ED680 for my thesis (in Year 2)?

Yes, you can.

If I already have Research methods completed from doing another Masters do I need to complete that module again in T-MAELM?

Yes, you do.

T-MAELM FAQs

If I choose to take a break between year 1 (Diploma) and 2 (Masters), will I be guaranteed a place on T-MAELM?

No, you will not be guaranteed a place. You will need to apply for a place on the *MAELM (Top-up)* programme. This is a restricted programme with limited numbers admitted annually.

How many places are available for MAELM (Top-up)?

There are limited places each year. This is a Top-Up qualification exclusively for graduates of PGDELM post 2017. Graduates of the PGD Ed Leadership or PGD Educational Management are not eligible to apply.

If I have 1st honours in my PGDELM will I be weighted more heavily for a place on T-MAELM?

No, your grades have no impact on whether or not you are offered a place.

I am a PGDELM graduate. What is my last opportunity to enter the Top-Up Master's programme? Graduates of the PGDELM have a four-year window *from the time of graduating* in which to undertake this programme.

Academic Year of Study	Graduation Date	Last Opportunity to join T-MAELM	When Will Application Portal Open?
2017-18	March 2019	Academic Year 2023-24	Spring 2023: Date TBC
2018-19	March 2020	Academic Year 2024-25	Spring 2024: Date TBC
2019-20	March 2021	Academic Year 2025-26	Spring 2025: Date TBC
2020-21	March 2022	Academic Year 2026-27	Spring 2026: Date TBC

Do credits from other Level 9 courses count in the completion of T-MAELM i.e. research methods/leadership modules etc.

No, they do not.

Can I apply for the MEd and T-MAELM and if I only get a place on the MEd can I transfer internally to T-MAELM?

No.

