PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICATION AND EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES WITH SUCCESSIVE STREAMS IN THE AREAS OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

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1. INTRODUCTION

Royal Decree 822/2021 of 28 September, which establishes the organisation of university education and the procedure for ensuring its quality, regulates, in its ninth additional provision, the possibility for universities to offer, within the scope of their autonomy, academic programmes comprising successive stages — consecutive cycles — in the areas of Engineering and Architecture, linking a Bachelor's degree programme with a Master's degree programme geared towards professional specialisation, whilst maintaining their structural distinction and independence, with the aim of strengthening the student's comprehensive education. This provision stipulates that the academic structure proposed by the university for an academic programme of this nature must have been approved by its governing bodies and received a favourable report from the competent quality assurance agency. The provision of these academic programmes shall under no circumstances constitute a new registration in the RUCT.

The **Protocol for the Evaluation of Academic Programmes with Successive Pathways in the Areas of Engineering and Architecture (PARS-IA)**, **approved** at the **REACU** meeting on 3 February 2022 and **amended** at the REACU meeting on 6 February 2023, sets out the procedure and requirements for the evaluation and submission of documentation. This procedure sets out the guidelines contained in the REACU protocol.

Furthermore, this procedure incorporates the provisions of Article 8 of Decree 141/2025 of 7 October of the Regional Government, on the organisation of undergraduate, master's and doctoral programmes in the Valencian Community.

PARS-IA PROPOSALS

In the PARS-IA proposals to be submitted by universities, the following may also be proposed:

- An identical PARS-IA offered at two centres of the same university, comprising degree programmes offered at both centres.
- A PARS-IA linking several Bachelor's degree programmes in specific technologies to the same Master's degree programme.
- A PARS-IA programme where the same undergraduate degree is linked to two different Master's programmes (whether qualifying or non-qualifying).

2. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The university shall submit the application for the evaluation of the academic structure of its sequential academic programme to the Valencian Agency for Evaluation and Prospective Studies (AVAP) using the form in Annex II of this document, available on the AVAP website (https://avap.es/es/verificacion-y-modificacion). The application, addressed to the Directorate-General of the AVAP, must be submitted via the ORVE Electronic Register, directed to "General Registry of the Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight (O00042624)". Universities that do not have access to the ORVE Registry must submit their application via the link to the General Electronic Registry (REG), which redirects to ORVE:

https://reg.redsara.es/nuevo-registro.

At the same time, the university must upload all the specified documentation (Application Form and Report – see Annex I) to the SIAVAL online platform for degree programme evaluation, assigning the file to the relevant degree programme https://siaval.avap.es (if more than one degree programme is involved in the same PARS, each one must be assigned by submitting the same documentation and, where applicable, the specific documentation for the degree programme).

1. AVAP will verify that the application meets the requirements for evaluation. If not, it will inform the university of the issues that must be rectified within 10 days, in accordance with Article 68 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

2. The file will be assigned for assessment to the Engineering and Architecture Verification Committee, which will submit a report to the Qualifications Verification Commission for approval.

3. Provisional report: should any amendment or correction be required to the proposal submitted by the university, AVAP will issue an unfavourable provisional report, which must be substantiated.

   The provisional report will be sent to the university applying for the programme so that, within 15 working days of receipt, it may rectify any deficiencies and amend those issues highlighted in the report, or submit any representations it deems relevant.

4. Final report: once the deadline for submitting corrections and representations, where applicable, has passed, AVAP will issue and notify the final report.

5. The maximum timeframe for issuing the report shall be 6 months from receipt of the application. In the absence of an express decision, the proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected.

In the event of an unfavourable final report, the university may lodge an appeal with the same body to which the application was submitted. The Protocols and Appeals Commission will be responsible for resolving the appeal within one month of notification.

No modifications or new PARS may be submitted whilst any of the associated degree programmes are undergoing modification.

3. EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Discipline Verification Committee (CVR) for Engineering and Architecture, comprising independent experts selected from AVAP's pool of assessors, shall be responsible for the evaluation. The Qualifications Verification Committee (CVT), comprising the chairs of the various discipline verification committees, shall, where appropriate, validate the reports issued by the CVR.

4. GUIDELINES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The criteria to be used in the evaluation of PARS proposals, a positive assessment of which will lead to the issuance of a favourable report by AVAP, are as follows:

4.1 Name

- The name of the academic programme does not give rise to confusion with the professional qualification to which the degrees comprising it may lead.

- The name of the PARS is consistent with the qualifications that make up the programme (both the Bachelor's and Master's programmes) and with its academic and professional scope.

4.2 Programme structure

- The university proposes an academic programme with a sequential structure, linking a Bachelor's programme with a Master's programme geared towards professional specialisation in the areas of Engineering and Architecture. Both degree programmes must belong to the same academic and professional area.

- The proposed programme constitutes a coherent academic unit.

- The proposed structure and the modules and/or subjects that students have yet to complete at Bachelor's level do not jeopardise the achievement of the learning outcomes corresponding to the Master's programme.

- Universities shall be responsible for ensuring that admission to the Master's programme within a sequential academic programme enables students to undertake their modules, regardless of whether the modules yet to be completed in the Bachelor's programme are compulsory or optional (Art. 8.1 of Decree 141/2025).

- With regard to the outstanding modules or subjects that will allow Bachelor's degree programme students to gain access to and enrol on the Master's programme linked to the PARS-IA, the following may be included within the 30 ECTS: the Final Degree Project (TFG) and a maximum of 9 ECTS credits from modules of any type, provided that the acquisition of the corresponding learning outcomes is guaranteed. The remaining credits, up to the total of 30 ECTS, must not be basic, compulsory, or compulsory modules relating to specific technology or a specialisation.

- However, for proposals where the university considers there to be exceptional circumstances, AVAP will assess the proposal to ensure that the proposed modules do not jeopardise the proper progression and achievement of the learning outcomes corresponding to the Master's degree programme.

- Universities may establish accelerated PARS curricula based on students' excellent academic performance, in accordance with their own progression regulations, so that students enrolled in a PARS programme may complete their linked Bachelor's and Master's degree i programmes in one academic year fewer than stipulated in the programme, compared to if the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes were undertaken independently (Art. 8.2 D141/2025).

4.3 Academic Regulations

The university must have academic regulations governing PARS programmes approved by its relevant governing bodies. These regulations must comply with the provisions of Royal Decree 822/2021 and, in particular:

- Priority for enrolment on the Master's programme is given to students who hold an official Bachelor's programme.
- For students who have not successfully completed their Bachelor's programme, it is established as an entry requirement that the modules still to be passed, including the Final Degree Project (TFG), must not total more than 30 ECTS credits.
- It is prohibited to reserve a place on the Master's programmes involved in PARS for students who are undertaking the programme whilst still studying for their Bachelor's degree.
- It is stipulated that PARS students may withdraw from the programme at any time, whether they are enrolled on the Bachelor's degree programme or the linked Master's degree programme.
- The conditions for the award of Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes involved in the PARS are set out.
- PARS programmes shall be subject, in particular, to the internal quality assurance systems of the higher education institutions where they are offered (Art. 8.3 of Decree 141/2025)

4.4 Entry and admission criteria

- The specific admission criteria for the Master's degree programme forming part of the PARS proposal assess students' academic merits; these criteria are weighted, publicly available, unambiguous and consistent with the academic scope of the Master's. For admission to the Master's degree programme, the criteria and scales set out in the verification report shall apply to all students.

- The university must immediately initiate a modification to the Master's programme to remove the reference to the reservation of places on the programme, and to include the possibility for students with outstanding Bachelor's credits to gain entry to the Master's programme. This modification must be requested within a maximum of one year from the approval of the PARS.

  The implementation of this modification will be subject to close monitoring. This modification may be submitted as a Non-Substantial Modification.

ANNEX I. MODEL REPORT

1. Name of the academic programme

Name of the academic programme: "PARS-IA Name of Master's Programme **via** Name of Bachelor's Degree Programme", suitable for fields in which a specific technology is involved. "PARS-IA **in** Name of the Bachelor's Degree Programme **and** Name of the Master's Degree Programme", suitable for fields where there are no specific technologies Applicant university: RUCT code – Lead institution: Other teaching centres (if applicable): ECTS credits for the programme: (ECTS for the Bachelor's degree + ECTS for the Master's degree)

RUCt code – Name of the Bachelor's degree programme: Code of the centre delivering the Bachelor's degree: Profession for which it qualifies (where applicable): Regulating ministerial order (if applicable):
RUCT code – Name of the Master's degree: Code of the institution offering the Master's degree: Profession for which it qualifies the holder (if applicable): Ministerial Order governing it (where applicable):

2 Programme structure

The proposal for the sequential academic programme sets out the link between a Bachelor's programme and a Master's programme aimed at professional specialisation in the areas of Engineering and Architecture. Both programmes belong to the same academic and professional area. A proposal must be submitted demonstrating that the PARS constitutes a coherent academic unit and does not jeopardise the achievement of the learning outcomes corresponding to the Master's degree programme.

In order to assess its academic coherence, detailed and specific information on the programme design must be provided. The subjects and modules comprising the PARS must be listed, preferably in tables, indicating the number of credits, their nature and the module to which they belong; under no circumstances should links to the modules of the relevant degree programmes be provided.
Furthermore, the following information must be included:

1. Mechanisms for coordinating Bachelor's and Master's final projects: specific information on the programme design must be provided regarding the mechanisms established by the university to ensure the proper completion of Bachelor's and Master's final projects, which must retain their distinct nature, given that the Bachelor's final project corresponds to MECES level 2 and the Master's final project to MECES level 3.

2. Justification for outstanding modules/courses that will enable students to gain entry to and enrol on the linked Master's programme: A justification must be provided for the outstanding modules or courses that allow Bachelor's students to gain entry to and enrol on the Master's programme linked to the PARS. It must be demonstrated that the scheduling of these modules does not jeopardise the achievement of the learning outcomes of the linked Master's programme. They may not be core or compulsory specialism modules. The TFG must be included. Under no circumstances may they collectively exceed 30 ECTS.

3 Academic Regulations

A link must be provided to the specific regulations governing the programme, which shall apply to the academic programme. These must be approved by the relevant university body and comply with the provisions of Royal Decree 822/2021 regarding the prohibition on reserving places on Master's programmes involved in the PARS, the criteria applied to enable students to commence a PARS, the possibility of withdrawing from the PARS, and the conditions for the award of the relevant Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes.

4. Admission criteria and procedure

The university shall set out the procedure for admission to the PARS and for students' enrolment on the Master's programme. Furthermore, it must include the admission criteria for the linked Master's degree programme. These criteria, which must be based on students' academic merit, shall be set out in detail, and their weighting shall be specified in such a way as to avoid confusion and ensure consistency with the academic scope of the Master's degree programme. These criteria must not contradict, and must be based on, those set out in the verified programme description for the Master's degree programme.

ANNEX II
APPLICATION FORM

AGÈNCIA VALENCIANA D'AVALUACIÓ I PROSPECTIVA

FORMULARIO DE SOLICITUD PARA LA PRESENTACIÓN DE PROGRAMAS ACADÉMICOS DE RECORRIDO SUCESIVO (PARS) EN EL ÁMBITO DE LA INGENIERÍA Y ARQUITECTURA

DATOS IDENTIFICATIVOS DEL PROGRAMA ACADÉMICO DE RECORRIDO SUCESIVO

DENOMINACIÓN COMPLETA DEL PROGRAMA	
DENOMINACIÓN COMPLETA DEL GRADO	
CÓDIGO RUCT DEL GRADO	
DENOMINACIÓN DEL MÁSTER	
CÓDIGO RUCT DEL MÁSTER	
CENTRO DE IMPARTICIÓN DEL GRADO	
CENTRO DE IMPARTICIÓN DEL MÁSTER	
UNIVERSIDAD SOLICITANTE	

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DATOS DE LA PERSONA RESPONSABLE DEL PROGRAMA

NIF	
NOMBRE	
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SEGUNDO APELLIDO	
TELÉFONO	
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO	
CARGO	

DATOS DE LA PERSONA RESPONSABLE LEGAL DEL PROGRAMA

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SEGUNDO APELLIDO	
TELÉFONO	
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO	
CARGO	

Firma de la persona representante legal de la universidad

REVISION LOG

No. of REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
01	October 2025	Procedure in its original version
02	December 2025	No amendments or new PARS may be submitted whilst any of the linked titles undergoing amendment (p. 5).
3	March 2026	Admission criteria: changes to the admission criteria for the Master's programme may be made by means of a non-substantial modification (p. 8). Annex I: Programme ECTS credits: Bachelor's programme ECTS credits + Master's programme ECTS credits (p. 9)