

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 / 2027 ADMISSION DIRECTIVES
MEDITALIANO MASTER HANDBOOK: ITALIAN ENGLISH-TAUGHT MEDICAL DEGREES

TEST DATE: 29 SEP '26 | FORMAT: 60 MCQs | MAX SCORE: 90 Marks | TOTAL QUOTA: 3,922 Seats

1. Legislative Context: The Filter-Semester Exemption

While Italy recently introduced an open-access "filter semester" (semestre filtro) for Italian-taught medical courses via Legislative Decree 71/2025, Article 8(3) explicitly exempts English-taught programs. Consequently, the IMAT retains its classical, high-stakes structure: one standardized exam, one national ranking system, and exactly one opportunity per year.

2. Peremptory Deadlines & Exam Calendar

- 26 Aug 2026: Registration Opens via University.
- 9 Sep 2026 (15:00 GMT+2): Registration Locks (Absolute Deadline). Preferences & language certs permanently locked.
- 29 Sep 2026: IMAT Exam Day (13:30 Italian Time globally. Duration: 100 mins).
- 8 Oct 2026: Anonymous scores published on University.
- 19 Oct 2026: Answer sheet & reference sheet viewing available.
- 26 Oct 2026: National Nominal Merit Ranking List published.
- 3 Nov 2026: First assignment cycle & booking movement opens.

3. Exam Composition & Marking Strategy

Biology: 23 Qs (34.5 pts) | Chemistry: 15 Qs (22.5 pts) | Math/Phys: 13 Qs (19.5 pts) | Logic: 5 Qs (7.5 pts) |
Read/GK: 4 Qs (6.0 pts)

Scoring: +1.5 (correct), -0.4 (incorrect), 0 (blank). EU Minimum Cutoff: 20.0 pts.

Meditaliano Mathematical Guessing Strategy: Eliminating even 1 incorrect distractor out of five increases expected value to +0.075 pts, making guessing statistically advantageous.

4. The Three Irreversible Registration Decisions

- Choice 1: Track Lockdown (Must select Medicine/Dentistry OR Veterinary).
- Choice 2: Test Center = 1st Choice (If testing in Italy, #1 choice is mandatory test location).
- Choice 3: Language Certs (Declared by Sep 9; used as score tie-breaker).

5. National Merit Ranking Dynamics: Assigned, Booked & Waiting

- ASSIGNED (Assegnato): Mandatory enrollment within 4 business days. Failure leads to permanent expulsion.
- BOOKED (Prenotato): Strategic choice to enroll immediately OR wait for next round by confirming interest.
- WAITING (In Attesa): Must log into University and click "Conferma di Interesse" within 5 days of every round.

6. Two Separate Candidate Competitions

- Pool 1 (EU & Resident Non-EU): Single National Merit List | Multiple nationwide choices | Min 20.0 Marks.
- Pool 2 (Non-EU Resident Abroad): Local University Lists only | Single choice pre-enrolment | Score > 0.0 Marks.

7A. Seat Distribution Matrix ? Public Medical Schools (LM-41)

Bari: 89 EU / 11 Non-EU (+20 EU)

Bologna: 140 EU / 20 Non-EU (+10 EU)

Cagliari: 80 EU / 18 Non-EU (-2 Non-EU)

Campania "L. Vanvitelli": 70 EU / 50 Non-EU (+10 EU)

Catania: 40 EU / 40 Non-EU (+40 EU, -20 Non-EU)

Firenze (NEW 2026): 50 EU / 0 Non-EU (+50 EU)

Messina: 55 EU / 61 Non-EU (+5 Non-EU)

Milan (Statale): 60 EU / 15 Non-EU (+5 EU)

Milan Bicocca (Bergamo): 40 EU / 20 Non-EU (+10 EU, +2 Non-EU)

Naples Federico II: 35 EU / 45 Non-EU (+10 EU)

Neuromed (Pozzilli) (NEW 2026): 230 EU / 10 Non-EU (+230 EU, +10 Non-EU)

Padova MedTech (NEW 2026): 70 EU / 15 Non-EU (+70 EU, +15 Non-EU)

Padova (Venice): 75 EU / 25 Non-EU

Parma (Piacenza): 80 EU / 50 Non-EU (+5 EU, +5 Non-EU)

Pavia: 103 EU / 40 Non-EU

Politecnica Marche (Ancona): 30 EU / 50 Non-EU (+10 EU, -10 Non-EU)

La Sapienza (Rome 'F'): 52 EU / 13 Non-EU (+7 EU)

Tor Vergata (Rome): 65 EU / 20 Non-EU (+5 EU)

Tor Vergata (Tirana): 0 EU / 320 Non-EU (+170 Non-EU)

Turin (Orbassano): 73 EU / 32 Non-EU (+3 EU)

PUBLIC MEDICINE SUBTOTAL: 1,417 EU (+390) / 886 Non-EU (+180)

7B. Seat Distribution Matrix ? Private Medicine, Veterinary & Dentistry

Private Institutions (Separate entrance exams):

- Cattolica (Bolzano / Rome): 90 EU / 80 Non-EU
- Humanitas (Main / MEDTEC): 240 EU / 90 Non-EU
- UniCamillus (Rome): 425 EU / 225 Non-EU
- UniSR San Raffaele / Campus Bio-Medico: 238 EU / 112 Non-EU

Veterinary Medicine (LM-42):

- Bologna (Ozzano): 45 EU / 5 Non-EU
- Naples Federico II (NEW 2026): 18 EU / 2 Non-EU (+18 EU, +2 Non-EU)

Veterinary Total: 63 EU / 7 Non-EU

Dentistry and Dental Prosthodontics (LM-46):

- La Sapienza (Rome): 19 EU / 6 Non-EU
- Siena: 30 EU / 5 Non-EU

Dentistry Total: 49 EU / 11 Non-EU

2026 Quota Expansion Analysis:

Public English-taught medicine added +390 EU seats (+38%) and +180 Non-EU seats (+25%) for 2026, heavily driven by new accreditations at Neuromed (+230 EU), Padova MedTech (+70 EU), and Firenze (+50 EU).

8. Global Test Centers (26 Countries) & Language Certs

Test Centers: Albania, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, China, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy (17 Unis), Kenya, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, UK, USA.

Recognized Tie-Breaker Language Certs (Hold by Sep 9): Cambridge (B2-C2), IELTS (5.5-9.0), TOEFL (87-120), Trinity ISE. Exemption granted for 1+ year English high school.

9. Official IMAT 2026 Syllabus Summary

- Biology (23 Qs): Chemistry of Life, Cell Biology, Bioenergetics, Genetics, Physiology.
- Chemistry (15 Qs): Atomic Structure, Periodic Trends, Bonding, Stoichiometry, Solutions/pH, Organic.
- Math & Physics (13 Qs): Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Kinematics, Dynamics, Fluids, Ohm's Law.
- Accommodations: +50% extra time for invalidity/disability; +30% extra time & non-scientific calculator for Dyslexia/SLD.

10. Rules on Subsequent Year Transfers

Vacancies in years 2-6 only open via credit recognition calls (bandi di trasferimento).