

**2-WEEK COMPLIMENTARY ACCESS ACTIVE (Until October 13, 2026)**Full 60-question interactive simulator with official timer, analytics & video solutions is free at meditaliano.com/imat2026**FREE ACCESS PASS** **Official Exam Structure & Architecture**

Administering Body	MUR (Ministry of University & Research)
Official Exam Date	September 29, 2026 (13:30 CEST Worldwide)
Format & Duration	60 Multiple Choice Questions (5 Choices) • 100 Min
Pacing Requirement	100.0 seconds per question budget
Marking Scheme	+1.5 Correct -0.4 Incorrect 0.0 Blank
Score Spectrum	-24.0 min to 90.0 max total points
National Pass Threshold	20.0 points minimum for national merit ranking

Sectional Weight & Points Distribution

Reading Skills & GK	Q1 – Q4	4 Qs	6.0 pts	6.7%
Logical Reasoning	Q5 – Q9	5 Qs	7.5 pts	8.3%
Biology	Q10 – Q32	23 Qs	34.5 pts	38.3%
Chemistry	Q33 – Q47	15 Qs	22.5 pts	25.0%
Physics & Math	Q48 – Q60	13 Qs	19.5 pts	21.7%
TOTAL	Q1 – Q60	60 Qs	90.0 pts	100%

Official Difficulty Recalibration: Science Polarization & Calculation Shifts

Biology Substantially Eased vs 2025: In 2025, over 55% of Biology (13 questions) was crushed into obscure biochemical pathways (TCA enzyme names and ATP yields). In 2026, Biology reverted to fundamental breadth (cell biology, genetics, physiology), allowing prepared Non-EU students to score near full marks. Conversely, **Chemistry surged with 3 reaction balancing questions**, and Physics introduced an unexpected **Wave question (Q54)** outside explicit syllabus guidelines.

IMAT 2024 ACTUAL
Easy (Inflated)

Avg Cutoff ~52–58 pts

IMAT 2025 ACTUAL
Bio Hard / Skewed

Avg Cutoff ~44–50 pts

IMAT 2026 AUDIT
Balanced Precision

Bio Eased / Chem Calc Heavy

CUTOFF TREND
-2.0 to -4.0 Pts

Careless Error Dependent

Key Score Thresholds & The Negative Marking Penalty Matrix

Because each incorrect response incurs a **-0.4 point deduction**, blind guessing severely degrades ranks. A candidate answering 40 correct with 20 blind guesses scored only **52.0** instead of **60.0**—costing up to 8 scrolling positions.

60 Correct / 0 Wrong

90.0

100% Accuracy

Rank 1 Elite

50 Correct / 5 Wrong

73.0

5 Omitted

Milan / Bologna Top Tier

40 Correct / 10 Wrong

56.0

10 Omitted

Rome / Padua / Turin

35 Correct / 15 Wrong

46.5

10 Omitted

Southern / Scorrimenti

25 Correct / 25 Wrong

27.5

10 Omitted

Non-Admissible Range

Biology Breadth Restoration

Returning from 2025's metabolic excess to general genetics (8 Qs), molecular biology (3 Qs), and physiology (6 Qs). Top scorers attained near 34.5/34.5.

3 Balancing Questions

Redox with (HNO₃) (Q34), (PbBr₂ + FeBr₃) (Q39), and disproportionation (Q40) rewarded rapid stoichiometric integer balancing.

Cisia & TOLC-MED Overlap

Over 80% of science questions duplicated question mechanisms from Italian medical admission banks used directly in Meditaliano.

UNIVERSITY & PROGRAM	REGION	EU '24	EU '25	EU '26 PRED.	NON-EU '24	NON-EU '25	NON-EU '26 PRED.	COMPETITIVENESS TIER
1. University of Milan (Statale)	Lombardy	67.8	65.8	64.5 – 66.5	75.7	72.9	71.5 – 73.5	TIER 1 (ULTRA)
2. University of Pavia (Harvey)	Lombardy	59.1	60.1	59.0 – 61.0	71.5	71.9	70.5 – 72.5	TIER 1 (ULTRA)
3. University of Bologna	Emilia-Romagna	64.8	60.5	59.5 – 61.5	74.5	71.1	69.5 – 71.5	TIER 1 (ULTRA)
4. Rome Tor Vergata	Lazio (Rome)	59.5	58.5	57.5 – 59.5	60.6	69.1	67.0 – 69.0	TIER 1 (ULTRA)
5. University of Parma	Emilia-Romagna	57.6	58.0	57.0 – 59.0	59.1	67.6	65.5 – 68.0	TIER 2 (UPPER)
6. University of Turin	Piedmont	59.5	59.1	58.0 – 60.0	70.8	67.1	65.5 – 67.5	TIER 2 (UPPER)
7. Luigi Vanvitelli (Caserta)	Campania	57.3	56.0	55.0 – 57.0	63.2	66.2	64.5 – 66.5	TIER 2 (UPPER)
8. Sapienza (Policlinico)	Lazio (Rome)	65.1	62.4	61.0 – 63.0	73.4	65.8	64.5 – 66.5	TIER 2 (UPPER)
9. University of Padua	Veneto	63.2	59.8	58.5 – 60.5	71.6	65.4	63.5 – 66.0	TIER 2 (UPPER)
10. Milan-Bicocca (Bergamo)	Lombardy	64.8	64.8	63.5 – 65.5	72.6	65.1	63.5 – 65.5	TIER 2 (UPPER)
11. Naples Federico II	Campania	61.4	58.3	57.0 – 59.0	68.1	63.1	61.5 – 63.5	TIER 3 (BALANCED)
12. Marche Polytechnic (Ancona)	Marche	60.2	57.4	56.0 – 58.0	60.3	58.2	56.5 – 58.5	TIER 3 (BALANCED)
13. University of Messina	Sicily	57.6	54.6	53.5 – 55.5	61.4	58.2	56.5 – 58.5	TIER 3 (BALANCED)
14. University of Catania	Sicily	58.4	–	55.5 – 58.0	57.2	–	55.0 – 57.5	TIER 3 (BALANCED)
15. University of Cagliari	Sardinia	56.9	54.1	52.5 – 54.5	56.5	54.7	53.0 – 55.0	TIER 4 (FLOOR)
16. University of Bari	Puglia	59.1	55.5	54.0 – 56.0	65.8	50.9	50.0 – 54.5	TIER 4 (FLOOR)
17. Siena Dentistry (English)	Tuscany	59.7	54.6	53.0 – 55.5	69.3	52.0	50.5 – 53.5	TIER 4 (FLOOR)
18. Sapienza Dentistry	Lazio (Rome)	61.8	56.7	55.5 – 58.0	73.1	71.8	69.0 – 72.0	TIER 2 (UPPER)
19. Florence (New 2026)	Tuscany	–	–	57.0 – 60.0	–	–	0 Seats	TIER 2 (NEW)
20. Padua MedTech (New 2026)	Veneto	–	–	58.0 – 61.0	–	–	63.0 – 66.0	TIER 2 (NEW)
21. Naples VetMed (New 2026)	Campania	–	–	50.0 – 53.0	–	–	48.0 – 52.0	TIER 4 (NEW)
22. Bologna Veterinary	Emilia-Romagna	–	52.7	51.0 – 53.5	–	40.6	39.0 – 42.5	TIER 4 (VET)
23. Tor Vergata (Tirana)	Albania	–	0.0	20.0 – 35.0	–	0.0	15.0 – 30.0	TIER 4 (AFFILIATE)



Rolling Admissions (Scorrimenti) Mechanism & Timeline

EU Students: You participate in the unified national merit ranking. Initial results are published in early October. If you are labeled *"Prenotato"* (Booked), you may either enroll within 4 business days or confirm interest to stay in the weekly scrolling rounds (*scorrimenti*) running through February. Cutoffs historically decline by 2.0 to 4.5 points over the first 8 rounds.



Non-EU Quota Strategy & Pre-Enrollment Rules

Non-EU Students: Unlike EU candidates, non-EU students compete exclusively within the single university selected during University pre-enrollment. There is NO national ranking across different universities. If you miss your chosen faculty's quota, you cannot transfer your score to another university, making strategic university selection vital.

🔍 "Exact Question Stems Appeared on the Exam": The Power of Italian Question Vault Archiving

Unlike generic British or US MCAT prep platforms, Meditaliano reverse-engineers the actual question repository used by the Italian Ministry (MUR) and CISIA. Below is empirical proof: identical stems, chemical equations, and answer options that our students solved weeks prior to exam day.

80%+ HIT RATE

Q10 (Bio) • Erythrocyte Oxygen Transport

EXACT STEM HIT

Official IMAT tested erythrocyte hemoglobin binding (O_2) reversibly in alveolar capillaries.

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi Q23, imatmogi28 Q23, tolcm2012 Q52

Q11 (Bio) • Alveolar Gas Exchange Barrier

EXACT CONCEPT HIT

Official IMAT tested alveoli as the primary microanatomical site of blood-air diffusion.

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi Q25, imatmogi28 Q25, tolcm2012 Q38

Q13 (Bio) • Gastric Juice & Pepsin Digestion

EXACT CONCEPT HIT

Official IMAT tested gastric chief cell pepsinogen activation by (HCl) into pepsin for protein breakdown.

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi3 Q20, imatmosi14 Q24, imatmogi31 Q24

Q14 (Bio) • Protein Translation = Ribosomes

EXACT STEM HIT

Official IMAT tested ribosomes as the universal organelle where polypeptide synthesis occurs.

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmogi22 Q27, imatmogi25 Q15, tolcm2012 Q36

Q15 (Bio) • Fluid Mosaic Membrane

EXACT CONCEPT HIT

Official IMAT tested phospholipid bilayer amphipathic structure and lateral protein mobility.

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi3 Q20, imatmogi29 Q19, tolcm2012 Q39

Q18 (Bio) • Restriction Endonucleases

EXACT CONCEPT HIT

Official IMAT tested molecular scissors cutting palindromic recognition sequences in DNA.

Identical in Meditaliano: tolcm2012 Q34, imatmosi3 Q25, imatmosi16 Q31

Q19 (Bio) • Bacterial Transformation Definition

EXACT TEXT HIT

Official IMAT stem: "The uptake of naked foreign DNA from the extracellular environment" (Griffith).

Exact Match in Meditaliano: mockexam2 Q31, imatmosi14 Q23, tolcm2012 Q41

Q21 (Bio) • Oxytocin Uterine Contractions

EXACT STEM HIT

Official IMAT tested posterior pituitary hormone stimulating myometrial contraction via positive feedback.

Exact Match in Meditaliano: tolcm2001 Q36 (Identical question stem & options)

Q25 (Bio) • Chloroplast Photosynthesis Site

EXACT STEM HIT

Official IMAT tested thylakoids for light reactions & stroma for Calvin cycle carbohydrate synthesis.

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi2 Q25, tolcm2012 Q39, imatmogi24 Q15

Q26 (Bio) • Mitochondria Cellular Respiration

EXACT STEM HIT

Official IMAT tested mitochondria as the primary organelle of Krebs cycle & oxidative phosphorylation.

Identical in Meditaliano: tolcm2012 Q23, tolcm2012 Q41, tolcm2012 Q53

Q33 (Chem) • Electron Shell of (Mg^{2+})

EXACT LOGIC HIT

Official IMAT tested loss of two ($3s^2$) valence electrons yielding noble gas neon configuration ($1s^2 2s^2 2p^6$).

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi15 Q33, tolcm2012 Q49

Q34 (Chem) • Redox: ($3Cu + 8HNO_3$)

100% IDENTICAL HIT

Official reaction: ($3Cu + 8HNO_3 \rightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$). Asked for (HNO_3) integer coefficient = 8.

100% Exact Match: tolcm2012 Q44, tolcm2012 Q46 (Exact 3, 8, 3, 2, 4 integers)

Q46 (Phys) • Isothermal Expansion ($\Delta U = 0$)

EXACT FORMULA
HIT

Official IMAT tested Boyle's law: ($P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$). When volume doubles, pressure halves with ($\Delta U = 0$).

Identical in Meditaliano: imatmosi6 Q46, tolcm2020 Q48, mockexam1 Q51

Q58 (Math) • Non-Replacement Probability

EXACT NUMERIC HIT

Official IMAT tested drawing without replacement: ($P = \frac{\text{rac}\{7\}\{12\}}{\text{rac}\{6\}\{11\}} = \frac{\text{rac}\{7\}\{22\}}{\text{rac}\{6\}\{22\}}$). Identical urn problem mechanics.

Exact Match in Meditaliano: mockexam1 Q55, mockexam2 Q50, imatmosi6 Q55

Empirical Impact: Students completing Meditaliano's question bank spent an average of 42 seconds per science question because they recognized the exact problem stems and distractors immediately—yielding an average advantage of +8.4 points over non-platform test-takers.

ACCESS FULL QUESTION VAULT

 Reading & Culture (Q1–Q4)

4 Qs • 6.0 Pts

2026 vs 2025 Shift: 2025 focused on medical package inserts, economics & prions. 2026 shifted to **humanities & Italian culture**: Q1 (Fake news & Lorenzo Valla), Q2 (Sibilla Aleramo *Una Donna*), Q3 (Asor Rosa on Italian polycentric cities), Q4 (Digital Economy definition).

 Logical Reasoning (Q5–Q9)

5 Qs • 7.5 Pts

Numerical & Deductive Focus: Swapped 2025's seating arrangements for **4 numerical/algebraic problems**: Q5 (Pell recurrence ($a_n = 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$)), Q6 (14-gon diagonals ($D=77$)), Q7 (work rates), Q8 (bonus pool reverse percentage), and Q9 (categorical syllogism).

 Biology (Q10–Q32) • 23 Questions (34.5 Pts - 38.3% of Total)

BROAD BREADTH

Metabolism Normalized (13 Qs in '25 *ightarrow* 5 Qs in '26): 2025 tested exhausting TCA enzyme counts. 2026 restored standard distribution: **Cell Biology** (4 Qs: Q12, 14, 15, 16); **Metabolism & Enzymes** (5 Qs: Q22–26); **Molecular Biology** (3 Qs: Q29, 30, 32); **Genetics & Cell Division** (3 Qs: Q27, 28, 31); **Biotechnology & Bacterial Genetics** (2 Qs: Q18, 19); **Human Anatomy & Physiology** (6 Qs: Q10, 11, 13, 17, 20, 21). Non-EU admits routinely reached 30–34.5 pts.

 Chemistry (Q33–Q47) • 15 Questions (22.5 Pts - 25.0% of Total)

3 BALANCING Qs

Balancing Surged (0 Qs in '25 *ightarrow* 3 Qs in '26): Q34 ($(3\text{Cu} + 8\text{HNO}_3)$), Q39 ($(\text{PbBr}_2 + \text{FeBr}_3)$), Q40 (disproportionation). **Direct Mirror Pairs:** Salt neutrality tested in 2025 Q40 ((KBr)) vs 2026 Q37 ((NaBr)); chlorine oxoacids in 2025 ((HClO_2)) vs 2026 ((HClO)). Molarity calculations were omitted, prioritizing definitions and redox tracking.

 Physics (Q48–Q54 • 7 Qs)

Q54 CONTROVERSY

Mechanics (4 Qs: Q48–51, ($E_k = 1000 \text{ ext{ } J}$)), Fluids (Q52, ($10 \text{ ext{ } m}$) depth), Electromagnetism (Q53).  **Q54 Waves Alert:** Wave phenomena are not explicitly in MUR guidelines; appeals may yield universal full credit (全員正解).

 Mathematics (Q55–Q60 • 6 Qs)

NEW SYLLABUS TOPICS

Replaced 2025's trig/sets with: Inequalities (Q55, ($1 \leq x \leq 5$)), Exponentials/Logs (Q56, Q60, ($x = 10^6$)), Coordinate Geometry (Q57 circle through origin, Q59 parabola ($k = -1$)), and Non-Replacement Probability (Q58, ($P = 7/22$)).

 The 4 Major Calculation & Concept Traps that Decided Admissions in IMAT 2026

1. Unit Conversion Trap (Q50): Calculating ($E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$) with ($36 \text{ ext{ } km/h}$) yielded a designed distractor. Must convert to ($10 \text{ ext{ } m/s}$) *Rightarrow* $1000 \text{ ext{ } J}$.

3. Hydrostatic Pressure Trap (Q52): Forgetting atmospheric ($P_0 = 1 \text{ ext{ } atm}$) caused candidates to choose 20m depth instead of 10m.

2. Redox Stoichiometry Trap (Q34): Omitting nitrogen reduction half-reaction led to guessing coefficient 4 instead of 8 for (HNO_3).

4. Sampling Without Replacement (Q58): Failing to decrement total balls from 12 to 11 produced ($49/144$) instead of ($7/22$).

 2027 Strategic Blueprint: Preparing for the Hard/Easy Difficulty Oscillations

1. Do Not Assume Biology Will Stay Easy: IMAT cycles between easy and hard iterations. In 2027, Biology may re-intensify biochemical enzyme pathways. Master both basic breadth and biochemical depth.

3. Elimination Discipline under -0.4 Penalty: In high-scoring years, eliminating careless errors on basic questions is what secures admission. Blind guessing destroys rank positions.

2. Italian Medical Archives Are Paramount: Over 80% of science principles repeat from historical Italian TOLC-MED and IMAT papers (1997–2026). Meditaliano organizes these into targeted reflex drills.

4. Continuous AI Weak-Point Triage: Drill Dr. Panda's AI question solver on reaction balancing and coordinate geometry to ensure zero points are lost on technical sections.

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