

IMAT 2025/26 (Official Announcement)

from Ministerial Decree No. 599 (7th August 2025)

- ❑ **Registration opens: 26 August 2025**
- ❑ **Registration closes: 9 September 2025** (15:00 GMT+2, no extensions)
- ❑ **Test date: 17 September 2025** (11:00 Italy time; adjusted for foreign centres)
- ❑ **University calls for applications published: At least 30 days before the test date**

Admission to Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary in English

Admission to Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine in English – Academic Year 2025/2026

1. General Provisions

Admission to the single-cycle master's degree courses in:

- Medicine and Surgery (LM-41)
- Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics (LM-46)
- Veterinary Medicine (LM-42)

in English is based on passing a single national entrance test.

2. Admission Test Details

Same test for Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine in English.

Open to:

- EU citizens
- Non-EU citizens resident in Italy (as per art. 39, paragraph 5, of Legislative Decree 286/1998)
- Non-EU citizens resident abroad

Test structure (60 questions total):

- 4 – Reading comprehension & general knowledge
- 5 – Logical reasoning & problem solving
- 23 – Biology
- 15 – Chemistry
- 13 – Physics & Mathematics

Format: Multiple-choice, 1 correct answer out of 5 options.

Test date: 17 September 2025 (11:00 in Italy; adjusted for time zones abroad).

Registration: 26 August – 9 September 2025 (deadline 15:00 GMT+2) via University.

Duration: 100 minutes.

Locations: Italian universities + designated international centres.

3. Scoring System

Max score: 90 points

+1.5 points for correct answers

-0.4 points for wrong answers

0 points for no answer

Minimum passing score:

- EU & Non-EU resident in Italy → at least 20 points

- Non-EU resident abroad → no minimum score, but must score above 0

Ranking lists:

- Two national rankings for EU & equivalent candidates (including Non-EU resident in Italy)

- Separate university rankings for Non-EU residents abroad

4. Tie-Breaking Rules

1. Higher score in:

- Biology → Chemistry → Physics & Math → Logic → Reading

2. Possession of recognised English language certificates (as per Annex 3)

3. Disability preference if applicable ($\geq 66\%$ disability or as per Law 104/1992)

4. Younger candidate by date of birth

5. Candidates with Disabilities / DSA

Additional time:

- Up to 50% extra for disabled candidates

- Up to 30% extra for DSA (can be increased in severe cases)

Must present official certificates (Italian or translated/legalised foreign certificates).

6. Available Seats

Seats divided between universities according to Table B in the decree.

Allocation for Non-EU abroad candidates based on reserved quotas.

7. Transparency

Universities must publish their own call for applications at least 30 days before the exam.

Calls must include identity verification procedures and candidate obligations.

IMAT 2025/2026 – Official Syllabus for the English-Taught Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine Entrance Exam

The admission test evaluates **reading comprehension**, **logical reasoning**, and knowledge in **biology**, **chemistry**, **mathematics**, and **physics**, based on the national high school curriculum and aligned with international standards.

1. Reading Comprehension & General Knowledge

- Understand written texts in English (scientific essays, literary works, current affairs articles).
 - Identify:
 - Abstract, uncommon, or specialised vocabulary in real contexts.
 - Cohesion and coherence in texts.
 - Specific pieces of information and inferred details.
 - General knowledge in:
 - History, geography, society, and institutions (national and international).
 - Law, economics, and citizenship issues.
 - Significant historical-cultural phenomena in time and space.
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2. Logical Reasoning & Problem Solving

- Complete arguments coherently based on given premises.
 - Premises may be verbal or symbolic, involving real or abstract problems.
 - Requires different forms of logical reasoning.
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3. Biology

- **Chemistry of life:** weak interactions, biomolecules, enzyme functions.
 - **Cell biology:** prokaryotic & eukaryotic cells, viruses, membranes, organelles, transport, cell cycle (mitosis, meiosis).
 - **Reproduction & genetics:** Mendelian laws, chromosomal theory, molecular genetics (DNA, RNA, protein synthesis), human genetics, genetic disorders.
 - **Evolution & biotechnology:** mutations, natural/artificial selection, genetic engineering.
 - **Anatomy & physiology:** human and animal systems, tissues, homeostasis.
 - **Bioenergetics:** ATP, redox reactions, photosynthesis, glycolysis, aerobic respiration, fermentation.
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4. Chemistry

- States of matter, heterogeneous/homogeneous systems, compounds/elements.
 - Atomic structure, isotopes, electronic configuration, periodic table trends.
 - Chemical bonds: ionic, covalent, metallic, polarity, electronegativity, intermolecular forces.
 - Inorganic chemistry: naming and properties of oxides, hydroxides, acids, salts.
 - Stoichiometry: mole concept, Avogadro's number, balancing reactions, reaction types.
 - Solutions: solubility, concentration expressions, aqueous equilibria.
 - Kinetics and catalysis.
 - Redox reactions and balancing.
 - Acids and bases, pH, buffers.
 - Organic chemistry: carbon bonding, isomerism, hydrocarbons, functional groups (alcohols, amines, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, amides).
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5. Mathematics

- **Numbers & algebra:** natural, integer, rational, real numbers; operations, powers, roots, logarithms, polynomials, equations, inequalities, systems.

- **Functions:** domain, range, graphs, types (algebraic, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric), composite/inverse functions, solving equations.
- **Geometry:** polygons, circles, areas, volumes, angles, trigonometry, Cartesian coordinates, conic sections, Pythagoras & Euclid's theorems.
- **Probability & statistics:** frequency distributions, graphical representation, probability concepts.

6. Physics

- **Units & measurements:** physical quantities, SI units, conversions, vectors.
- **Kinematics:** uniform motion, accelerated motion, circular motion, harmonic motion.
- **Dynamics:** Newton's laws, forces, friction, impulse, momentum, energy, work, power.
- **Fluid mechanics:** density, pressure, Pascal's, Stevin's, Archimedes' principles, Bernoulli's equation.
- **Thermodynamics:** temperature, heat transfer, specific heat, phase changes, ideal gas laws, first and second laws of thermodynamics.
- **Electricity & magnetism:** charges, Coulomb's law, electric fields, potential, capacitors, Ohm's law, Kirchhoff's laws, circuits, magnetic fields, electromagnetic induction.

IMAT 2025/2026 – Seat Allocation

(EU & Non-EU Residents in Italy vs. Non-EU Residents Abroad)

University & Location	Course	Seats – EU & Non-EU in Italy	Seats – Non-EU Abroad
Bari	Medicine & Surgery	69	11
Bologna	Medicine & Surgery	130	20
Cagliari	Medicine & Surgery	80	20
Campania "L. Vanvitelli" – Naples	Medicine & Surgery	60	50
Catania	Medicine & Surgery	0	60
Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Bolzano	Medicine & Surgery	50	10
Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Rome	Medicine & Surgery	40	70

Humanitas University – Pieve Emanuele	Medicine & Surgery	80	20
Humanitas University – Pieve Emanuele	Medicine & Surgery	150	50
Messina	Medicine & Surgery	55	56
Milano	Medicine & Surgery	55	15
Milano-Bicocca – Bergamo	Medicine & Surgery	30	18
Napoli Federico II	Medicine & Surgery	25	45
Padova – Venezia	Medicine & Surgery	75	25
Parma – Piacenza	Medicine & Surgery	75	45
Pavia	Medicine & Surgery	103	40
Politecnica delle Marche – Ancona	Medicine & Surgery	20	60
Roma “La Sapienza” – F	Medicine & Surgery	45	13
Roma “Tor Vergata”	Medicine & Surgery	60	20
Tirana (pending accreditation)	Medicine & Surgery	0	150
Torino – Orbassano	Medicine & Surgery	70	32
UNISR – San Raffaele Milano	Medicine & Surgery	86	64
Campus Bio-Medico – Rome	Medicine & Surgery	84	36
Campus Bio-Medico – Rome MedTech	Medicine & Surgery	68	12
Bologna – Ozzano dell’Emilia (pending accreditation)	Veterinary Medicine	45	5
Roma “La Sapienza”	Dentistry	19	6
Siena	Dentistry	33	2

"Table A – List of Countries where Activities are Carried Out"

Albania

Azerbaijan

Brazil

Canada

China

Cyprus

France

Germany

Greece

Hong Kong

India

Italy Bari Università degli Studi di Bari

Italy Milan Università degli Studi di Milano

Italy Milan Università degli Studi Milano - Bicocca

Italy Rome Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

Italy Rome Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"

Italy Naples Università degli Studi della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli"

Italy Naples Università di Napoli Federico II

Italy Bologna Università di Bologna * (medicina veterinaria in fase di accreditamento)

Italy Turin Università degli Studi di Torino

Albania

Italy Pavia Università degli Studi di Pavia

Italy Parma Università degli Studi di PARMA

Italy Siena Università degli Studi di Siena

Italy Messina Università degli Studi di Messina

Italy Padova Università degli Studi di Padova

Italy Ancona Università Politecnica delle Marche

Italy Cagliari Università degli Studi di Cagliari

Italy Catania Università degli Studi di Catania

Ireland

Pakistan

Poland

Portugal

Saudi Arabia

South Africa

Spain

Switzerland

Turkey

UAE Dubai

UK

USA

Impressions:

The 2025 IMAT registration window will be open from **26 August until 09 September** at 15:00 (GMT +2). The examination will follow the identical syllabus, subject distribution, and question allocation as in 2024, ensuring continuity in candidate preparation. Test centres will be available in the same countries as in the previous session, although the specific cities are yet to be confirmed. Notably, several seat allocations have undergone significant changes. **The University of Rome Tor Vergata is reported to offer 150 non-EU seats in Tirana, Albania**, marking a considerable capacity for this location. The University of Catania will offer no seats for EU candidates, **while maintaining 60 seats** for non-EU applicants. The University of Bologna has increased its medicine programme's EU seats from 97 to 130, and the University of Naples Federico II has expanded its medicine capacity from 15 to 25 seats for EU candidates and from 25 to 45 seats for non-EU candidates. Additionally, Bologna has introduced allocations for veterinary medicine. In contrast, the University of Siena's dentistry programme reflects a sharp reduction in non-EU availability, from 12 seats to just 2, despite an increase in EU seats from 23 to 33.

University & Programme	EU Seats 2024	EU Seats 2025	Change (EU)	Non-EU Seats 2024	Non-EU Seats 2025	Change (Non-EU)
Tor Vergata – Medicine (Tirana, Albania)	–	–	–	–	150	New allocation
Catania – Medicine	–	0	–	60	60	No change
Bologna – Medicine	97	130	+33	–	–	–
Naples Federico II – Medicine	15	25	+10	25	45	+20
Bologna – Veterinary Medicine	–	New	New	–	New	New
Siena – Dentistry	23	33	+10	12	2	–10

Notes:

- “–” indicates data not previously available or not applicable.
- The Tor Vergata allocation in Tirana, Albania, is particularly noteworthy for its **150 non-EU seats**, an unusually high capacity for an overseas test location.
- Bologna's veterinary programme is newly included in seat announcements, with specific allocations pending.
- Siena's dentistry programme shows the most drastic non-EU reduction, from 12 to just 2 seats, despite an EU seat increase.

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