L.N. 66 of 2026

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74(5) and 75(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75(3) and 79(b) of the said Act:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D. - Degree Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and shall be read and construed as one with the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D. - Degree Course Regulations, published as Legal Notice 310 of 2013, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

Applicability

2. (1) Regulations 3 to 6 of these regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2026 or later.

(2) Regulations 7 of these regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2025 or later.

Amendment to regulation 4 of the principal regulations

3. For paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"4. (1) In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 16(1) of the Admissions Regulations, applicants who apply for admission to the Course in Year 3 may be admitted directly into the Clinical Part of the Course (Year 3) by the Admissions Board, acting on the recommendation of the Faculty Admissions Committee, subject to any conditions the Board may impose."

4. For paragraph (2) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Applicants who apply for admission to the Course in Year 1 must, besides satisfying the requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations, satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:

(a) be in possession of passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and

(b) be in possession of a pass in any subject taken in the Matriculation Examination at Intermediate Level and obtained at Grade B or better except for Environmental Science and Systems of Knowledge:

provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements are obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognised examining boards from the same country; and

(c) (i) Maltese applicants who, in terms of regulation 13 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3, are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass at SEC level 3 in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija* prior to the commencement of the Course;

(ii) non-Maltese applicants who, in terms of regulation 13 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass at SEC level 3 in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija,* are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Foundation Studies (Medical, Dental and Health Sciences) course, prior to the commencement of the Course,
provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and either a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3, or a pass at SEC level 3 in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija,* shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate; and

(iii) the Secondary Education Certificate pass in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3, is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course, provided that applicants who in terms of regulation 13 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are eligible for exemption from this requirement, shall be required to present a SEC level 3 pass in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija*, or the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate."

5. For paragraph (4) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(4) (i) Applicants in possession of one of the following degrees obtained from the University of Malta and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3, may also apply:

(a) a Bachelor of Science with a classification of Category II or better or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or

better, in both cases with Biology and Chemistry as principal areas, or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better in either Biology or in Chemistry or in Chemistry with Materials; or

(b) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better in one of the following: Applied Biomedical Science (or Medical Laboratory Science), Applied Food and Nutritional Sciences, Community Nursing, Community Midwifery, Communication Therapy or Speech Language Pathology (if awarded from October 2028 onwards), Health Science, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, and Radiography; or

(c) a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(d) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmaceutical Science with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(e) a Bachelor of Dental Surgery with a classification of Second Class Honours or better if awarded from July 2009 onwards; or

(f) the degree of Master of Dental Surgery awarded from July 2018 onwards; or

(g) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Biochemistry with a classification of Second Class Honours or better awarded from July 2020 onwards; or

(h) a Master of Pharmacy with a classification of Merit or better; or

(i) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmaceutical Technology with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(j) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmacology with a classification of Second Class Honours or better awarded from July 2024 onwards; or

(k) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class or better in Physics, Medical Physics and Radiation Protection; and

(ii) Maltese applicants who, in terms of regulation 13 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3 are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta or a pass at SEC level 3 in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija* awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course;

(iii) non-Maltese applicants who, in terms of regulation 13 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass at SEC level 3 in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija,* are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Foundation Studies (Medical, Dental and Health Sciences) course, prior to the commencement of the Course,
provided that if such applicants possess either a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3, or a pass at SEC level 3 in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija,* shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate; and

(iv) the Secondary Education Certificate pass in Maltese at Grade 5 or better or at SEC level 3, is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course, provided that applicants who in terms of regulation 13 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are eligible for exemption from this requirement, shall be required to present a SEC level 3 pass in *Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija*, or the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate."

6. For paragraph (7) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(7) Applicants who are accepted to join Year 1 or Year 3 of the Course shall be required to undergo an occupational health assessment, as detailed in the Occupational Health Protocol approved by the Board, so as to ascertain that they are fit for the duties related to their proposed studies. Students who do not fulfil this requirement may be barred from progressing with their studies. Failure to disclose information about a physical or mental health problem that could affect patient safety is considered to be a serious breach of the Fitness to Practise Policy of the University."

Amendment to regulation 13 of the principal regulations

7. For paragraph (2) of regulation 13 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) (a) The classification of the Degree and the Bachelor Degree shall be based on the results obtained over the duration of the respective Course, with all study-units being weighted equally.

(b) For students admitted directly into Year 3 of the Course, the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained over the last three years of the Course, with all study-units being weighted equally."

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