

Procedure for Organizing Admission of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons to Odessa National Medical University

I. General Provisions

1.1. The Procedure for organizing the admission of foreign citizens and stateless persons to Odessa National Medical University (hereinafter – the Procedure, hereinafter – ONMedU) has been developed by the Admissions Committee of ONMedU in accordance with the Procedure for Admission to Higher Education in 2026, approved by Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated February 26, 2026 No. 373 and registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on March 20, 2026 under No. 374/45768.

This Procedure is an appendix to the Admission Rules of ONMedU for 2026.

This Procedure does not apply to foreigners and stateless persons, including foreign Ukrainians permanently residing in Ukraine, persons recognized as refugees, and persons in need of additional protection.

1.2. Admission of foreigners and stateless persons to ONMEDU is carried out in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine "On Higher Education", "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", "On Foreign Ukrainians", "On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection", "On Establishing Additional Legal and Social Guarantees for Citizens of the Republic of Poland who are on the Territory of Ukraine"; Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated September 12, 2018 No. 729 "Issues of Obtaining Higher Education by Certain Categories of Persons"; The procedure for organizing admission to institutions of professional (vocational and technical), professional pre-higher and higher education in Ukraine and training (internship) of foreigners and stateless persons using the *Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for Foreigners and Stateless Persons* wishing to study in institutions of professional (vocational and technical), professional pre-higher and higher education of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 28, 2024 No. 758; by the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated November 1, 2013 No. 1541 "Some Issues of Organizing Recruitment and Training (Internship) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on November 25, 2013 under No. 2004/24536; by order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated December 2, 2019, No. 1498 "On approval of the Procedure for establishing quotas for obtaining higher education by foreigners and stateless persons within the scope of the state order in accordance with international treaties of Ukraine", registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on February 10, 2020, No. 153/34436.

Citizens of the Russian Federation, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Belarus, and DPRK without permanent residence permits in Ukraine are admitted only with

individual permission from the Ministry of Education and Science. Citizens of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Belarus, who defended the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and received the status of a participant in hostilities in accordance with the Procedure for granting and revoking the status of a participant in hostilities and a person with a disability as a result of the war to foreigners and stateless persons who defended the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 18, 2025 No. 719, as well as children of such citizens may be admitted to study without individual permission from the Ministry of Education and Science.

1.3. Foreigners and stateless persons, stateless persons who have applied for recognition as refugees, persons who have applied for protection in Ukraine and provided a Certificate of Application for Protection in Ukraine, the sample of which is approved by the Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine dated September 7, 2011 No. 649, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on October 5, 2011 under No. 1146/19884) (hereinafter - *foreigners*) may be admitted to study for higher education at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities, unless otherwise provided for by international treaties of Ukraine, the binding consent of which has been granted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, legislation or agreements between higher education institutions on international academic mobility.

Admission to study of foreigners is carried out for accredited educational programs.

1.4. Admission of foreigners to study for higher education to state-funded places is carried out within the quota for foreigners, which is provided on the basis of referrals of the Ministry of Education and Science to applicants who are granted state scholarships under international treaties, national programs, other international obligations of Ukraine, recommended for enrollment by the responsible bodies of foreign states with which international treaties have been concluded, and/or by the representations of these states.

1.5. Overseas Ukrainians whose status is certified by a Certificate of Foreign Ukrainian (except for persons permanently residing in Ukraine) may be enrolled for studies under the state order within the established quotas for foreigners.

II. Requirements for Applicants' Education Level

2.1. The list of degrees and specialties available for foreign applicants is provided in Appendix 3 to the Admission Rules.

2.2. Foreigners who have documents of complete secondary education, which give the right to continue their studies at the appropriate level of higher education in accordance with the legislation of the country that issued the document on the level

of education obtained, are admitted to the first year of study for a master's degree in medicine or pharmacy.

Foreigners who have documents of a previously obtained bachelor's degree (NQF 6 (National Qualification Framework)) in the specialties of the field of knowledge 07- Management and administration or a master's/specialist (NQF7) in any specialty are admitted to study for a master's degree in the field of knowledge D "Business, Administration and Law" specialty D3 "Management".

Foreigners who have documents confirming the previously obtained educational level of Bachelor (NQF6) in the field of knowledge 05 Social and Behavioral Sciences or Master/Specialist (NQF7) in any specialty are admitted to study for a Master's degree in the field of knowledge C "Social Sciences, Journalism and Information" specialty C4 "Psychology".

2.3. To obtain a higher education degree of Doctor of Philosophy in medical specialties, ONMedU accepts foreigners who have a master's degree/specialist in the relevant medical specialty.

2.4. Foreigners who enter ONMedU must have a sufficient level of Ukrainian or English, in accordance with the language of instruction in the chosen educational program (specialty).

III. Application Deadlines and Admission Timeline

3.1. Acceptance of applications and documents, registration of personal files of applicants and other functions related to the admission of foreigners to ONMedU is performed by the Selection Committee for the Admission of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons (hereinafter - the Selection Committee), which is a structural unit of the Admissions Board.

Working hours:

Monday - Friday: 08:30–17:00

Weekends: closed

3.2. Enrollment of foreign applicants for studies at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities is carried out by ONMedU within the relevant deadlines specified in these Rules for Admission to ONMedU, but no later than November 1.

3.3. Acceptance of applications and documents, entrance examinations and enrollment of applicants for the Master's degree is carried out in three stages in the following terms:

Application period: July 1 – October 31

Entrance exams: July 2 – November 1

Enrollment for training at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities: by November 1

Acceptance of applications and documents, entrance examinations and enrollment of applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy degree is carried out in accordance with Section VII of the Admission Rules.

IV. Procedure of acceptance of applications and documents

4.1. Admission of foreigners to study is carried out in person and remotely. Recruitment of foreigners to study is carried out using the Unified Interagency Information System of Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons wishing to study in institutions of professional (vocational and technical), professional pre-higher, higher education of Ukraine (hereinafter - the Unified System).

The term of validity of an electronic invitation to study issued by the Unified System does not exceed six months from the date of imposition of an electronic qualified seal or qualified electronic signature of an authorized person of ONMedU.

Distance admission can be applied to foreigners who have received an electronic invitation to study and have completed the procedure for certifying educational documents in their country of origin in the manner officially used in the specified country for such certification (consular legalization, including legalization by the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine, or affixing an apostille for countries participating in the Convention abolishing the requirement for legalization of foreign official documents), except for documents issued in Ukraine.

To organize the distance enrollment of foreigners for higher education and for studying under the programs of the preparatory faculty, for studying the state language and/or the language of instruction, as well as for obtaining postgraduate education, advanced training and internships, ONMedU conducts personal identification and entrance tests in a remote format with their video recording (including from the screen of the applicant's device). The video recording of the entrance exam is stored after the entrance exam for foreigners for five years in ONMedU, and a link to this record is included in the Unified Database.

4.2. To enter ONMedU, a foreigner personally submits an application in paper or electronic form to the Selection Committee.

4.3. The foreigner attaches to the application for admission in full-time format, or in distance after crossing the state border of Ukraine and upon arrival at ONMedU the following:

- 1) a Document/Education Certificate (original and its copy) on the previously obtained educational (educational and qualification) level, on the basis of which admission is made;

- 2) the Supplement (original and its copy) to the document on the previously obtained educational (educational and qualification) level, on the basis of which admission is made (if available);
- 3) the original and a copy of the document containing information on the content of the curriculum for the previous degree (level) of higher education, credits received, duration of study and academic performance in academic disciplines (in the absence of this information in the Supplement to the document on education) when applying for a master's degree, if the absence of this information makes it impossible to recognize the qualification according to the document;
- 4) a copy of the passport of a foreigner or a document certifying a stateless person;
- 6) a certificate of prior language training in the case of admission to studies in the Ukrainian language;
- 7) a health insurance policy, unless otherwise provided for by international treaties of Ukraine;
- 8) 4 photographs (30 × 40 mm);
- 9) a copy of the certificate of a foreign Ukrainian (if available).

4.4. When applying for postgraduate studies, documents are submitted in accordance with Section VII of the Admission Rules.

4.5. Foreigners who enroll in academic mobility programs submit documents stipulated by the requirements of international programs and/or agreements under which academic mobility is implemented.

4.6. The documents specified in subparagraphs 1 – 4 of paragraph 4.2 must be translated into Ukrainian with a notarized translation.

The documents specified in subparagraphs 1 – 4 of paragraph 4.2 must be certified in the country of their issuance in the manner officially used in this country for such certification, and legalized by the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine, unless otherwise provided for by international treaties of Ukraine.

4.7. The application and documents specified in paragraphs 4.3 are stored in the personal file of applicants/students.

V. Organization of competitive selection and enrollment

5.1. Enrollment of foreigners for study at the relevant level of higher education is carried out based on the results of entrance examinations (entrance exams in person or remotely) in certain subjects and the language of instruction and on the basis of academic rights to continue education provided by a document on the level of education obtained in the country of their origin, and taking into account the academic performance scores provided by the document on the degree (level) of education obtained.

Competitive selection of foreigners for higher education studies (except for persons who are admitted to higher education studies on an equal basis with citizens of

Ukraine) is carried out based on the results of the entrance exam for foreigners, taking into account the specifics of the educational program (specialty) being applied.

If preliminary language training needed, the decision to enroll in a preparatory department to study the state language or the language of instruction is made based on the results of reviewing the documents submitted to the Selection Committee in accordance with the order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated November 1, 2013 No. 1541 "Some issues of organizing the recruitment and training (internship) of foreigners and stateless persons", registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on November 25, 2013 under No. 2004/24536.

5.2. A schedule for entrance exams is approved by the head of the Admissions Board. The Selection Committee informs the applicant or partner organization about the schedule of entrance exams.

5.3. Competitive selection for obtaining a master's degree in medical and pharmaceutical fields based on complete general secondary education is carried out based on the results of the entrance exam in the language of instruction (Ukrainian or English) and in competitive subjects: biology and chemistry.

Competitive selection for obtaining a master's degree in the field of knowledge D "Business, Administration and Law" specialty D3 "Management" based on NQF6 and NQF7 is carried out based on the results of the entrance exam in English and in management and administration.

Competitive selection for obtaining a master's degree in the field of knowledge C "Social Sciences, Journalism and Information" specialty C4 "Psychology" based on NQF6 and NQF7 is carried out based on the results of the entrance exam in English and in psychology and sociology.

Entrance exams are regulated by the Regulations on the entrance exam for foreign citizens and stateless persons at ONMedU in 2026 and the Regulations on the entrance exam (in distance format) for foreign citizens and stateless persons at ONMedU in 2026.

5.4. Foreigners who arrive in Ukraine for the purpose of postgraduate studies at the expense of individuals and legal entities are enrolled in ONMedU in accordance with the procedure reflected in Section VII of the Admission Rules.

5.5. The programs of entrance examinations with the criteria for assessing knowledge are approved by the Head of the Admissions Board and published on the official website.

5.6. Entrance examinations (in person or distance format) in the language of instruction and competitive subjects are evaluated on a scale from 100 to 200 points.

Entrants received a score below the minimum score established by the Admissions Board (100 points) are not allowed to participate in the competitive selection.

The competitive score for obtaining a master's degree in medicine and pharmacy based on complete general secondary education is calculated according to the formula:

Competitive score (CS) = P1 + P2 + P3,

P1, P2 – results of entrance exam in the second and third subjects (on a scale from 100 to 200 points),

P3 – assessment for the language of instruction.

The competitive score for obtaining a master's degree in the field of knowledge D "Business, Administration and Law" specialty D3 "Management" based on NQF6 and NQF7 is calculated according to the formula:

Competitive score (CS) = P1 + P2,

P1 - result of the entrance exam in English (on a scale from 100 to 200 points),

P2 - result of the entrance exam in management and administration.

The competitive score for obtaining a master's degree in the field of knowledge C "Social Sciences, Journalism and Information" specialty C4 "Psychology" based on NQF6 and NQF7 is calculated according to the formula:

Competitive score (CS) = P1 + P2,

P1– the result of the entrance exam in English (on a scale from 100 to 200 points),

P2 - the score on the entrance exam in psychology and sociology.

The results of the entrance exams are published on the stands of the Admissions Board of ONMedU. They can also be emailed (upon request).

5.7. The Admissions Board makes a decision on the recommendation for admission of applicants at the expense of individuals and legal entities within the terms specified in paragraph 3.3 of these Procedures. Admission is carried out after concluding an individual agreement on the provision of educational services.

5.8. All categories of foreigners who enter the University are enrolled in ONMedU on the basis of enrollment orders. Confirmation of the fact of study can be a certificate generated in the USEDE (Unified State Electronic Database on Education).