



Guidelines

Independent Candidates

Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions

In order to ensure that all international healthcare professionals employed in the health sector have sufficient speaking knowledge of the Maltese language to allow them to communicate adequately with Maltese patients, the Department of Maltese at the University of Malta runs the following courses:

Profession	Unit	Title	Mode	Fee
Nurses and Carers	MAL0019	Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 1	Course & Exam	€275
			Exam only	€50

Profession	Unit	Title	Mode	Fee
Doctors, Dentists and Pharmacists	MAL0019	Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 1	Course & Exam	€550
	MAL0025	Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 2		
	MAL0019	Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 1	Exam only	€100
	MAL0025	Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 2		

Procedure

As an independent candidate and a healthcare professional who is not employed in any health sector which falls under the remit of the Ministry for Health and Active Ageing, or any other private stakeholder currently collaborating with the Department of Maltese, the following procedure is applicable.

An expression of interest is to be sent to the Department of Maltese malti.arts@um.edu.mt. Your email should include:

1. your curriculum vitae;
2. a letter of motivation;
3. a copy of the official document attesting that you are registered with a relevant local regulatory authority and/or your current employer.

Prospective applicants will be assessed during an interview and/or other form of assessment to ascertain their background and recommend which of the above prompted options is most befitting.

Method of Assessment

The method of assessment for these courses is 100% Oral Exam and the pass mark is 45%. Due to the nature of the courses, should a student fail the assessment or not be able to sit for the assessment, they are expected to take the assessment **at the next availability as decided by the Department of Maltese**. Any mark may be obtained at any opportunity.

Nurses and Carers

For nurses and carers, the course is made up of one part:

- Part 1 — MAL0019 (Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 1)

Nurses and carers have the possibility to apply for the following options:

Option A

Basic Medical Maltese for Healthcare Professions 1 (Course and Exam) (€275)

Students shall be entitled to two assessment sittings to obtain a pass grade in the assessment of MAL0019, namely:

- First sit — at the end of the fifty-hour sessions. Assessment dates are published before the start of the course.
- Second sit — in case of absence or failure at the first sit, students shall be entitled to be assessed during the second sit, which usually takes place one or two weeks after the first sit.

If after the second sit, students have not as yet obtained a pass mark, they shall be entitled to retake the assessment only against a payment of €50 for every two sittings, as per *Option B* below.

Option B

Basic Medical Maltese for Healthcare Professions 1 (Exam only) (€50)

Students shall be entitled to two assessment sittings to obtain a pass grade in the assessment of MAL0019. If after the second sit, students have not as yet obtained a pass mark, they shall be entitled to retake the assessment **only** against a payment of €50 for every two sittings (unless they provide evidence for extraordinary circumstances), with the second sit taking place one or two weeks after the first sit. **This is subject to the next availability as decided by the Department of Maltese.**

Doctors, Dentists and Pharmacists

For doctors, dentists and pharmacists, the course is made up of two parts:

- Part 1 — MAL0019 (Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 1)
- Part 2 — MAL0025 (Basic Medical Maltese for the Healthcare Professions 2)

Doctors, dentists and pharmacists have the possibility to apply for the following options:

Option A

Basic Medical Maltese for Healthcare Professions 1 and 2 (Course and Exam) (€550)

Students shall be entitled to two assessment sittings for each part, that is, for Part 1 (MAL0019) and Part 2 (MAL0025) in order to obtain a pass grade, namely:

- First sit — at the end of the fifty-hour sessions. Assessment dates are published before the start of the course.
- Second sit — in case of absence, or failure at the first sit, students shall be entitled to be assessed during the second sit, which usually takes place one or two weeks after the first sit.

If after the second sit, students have not as yet obtained a pass mark, they shall be entitled to retake the assessment only against a payment of €50 for every two sittings (per each part), as per *Option B* below.

Option B

Basic Medical Maltese for Healthcare Professions 1 and 2 (Exam only) (€100)

Students shall be entitled to two assessment sittings for each part, that is, for Part 1 (MAL0019) and Part 2 (MAL0025) in order to obtain a pass grade. If after the second sit, students have not as yet obtained a pass mark for either part, they shall be entitled to retake the assessment **only** against a payment of €50 for every two sittings (unless they provide evidence for extraordinary circumstances), with the second sit taking place one or two weeks after the first sit. **This is subject to the next availability as decided by the Department of Maltese.**

N.B. Part 1 is a prerequisite for Part 2, meaning that only participants who have passed the assessment of Part 1, as organised by the University of Malta, will be allowed to sit for the assessment of Part 2.

Accreditation

Students who successfully complete the course will be presented with a certificate attesting the award and successful completion, which may be collected from the Certification and Ceremonies Office (Room 102, Administration Building, University of Malta). Students will be duly informed when to collect this document. **Certificates of Attendance cannot be issued.**

Students cannot re-apply for the course/exam, once a certificate of completion is issued.

If the certificate attesting the award and successful completion is misplaced, a detailed transcript can be requested through um.edu.mt/transcripts against an apposite fee.

Lectures

Lectures are held on Zoom or a similar platform.

Kindly note that lectures are not recorded under any circumstances.

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