

XIV. Specific features of admission for studies to higher education institutions of foreigners and stateless persons in 2025

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1. Admission to National Pirogov Memorial Medical University, Vinnytsya of foreigners and stateless persons is carried out in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine “On Higher Education”, “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”, “On Ukrainians Abroad”, “On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection”, “On the Establishment of Additional Legal and Social Guarantees for Citizens of the Republic of Poland, staying 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, higher education of Ukraine and training (advanced training) 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, 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 (Advanced Training) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”, registered by 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 by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on February 10, 2020 under No. 153/34436.

Citizens of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Belarus and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who do not have a permanent residence permit in Ukraine are admitted to study with an individual permit from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

2. 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 on Applying for Protection in Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as foreigners) may obtain higher education at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities, unless otherwise is provided for by international treaties of Ukraine, the binding consent for which has been granted by the Supreme Council of Ukraine, legislation or agreements between higher education institutions on international academic mobility.

Admission of foreigners and stateless persons, in particular foreign Ukrainians permanently residing in Ukraine, citizens of the Republic of Poland, persons recognized as refugees, and persons in need of additional protection, to places of state order is carried out in accordance with paragraph 6 of Section III of these Procedures. Admission of other categories of foreigners to higher education institutions for study at places of state order is carried out within the quotas for foreigners.

Admission of foreigners for higher education is carried out for accredited educational programs. VNMU may also accept foreigners for training in the programs of the preparatory faculty (department), for studying the state language and/or the language of instruction, as well as for postgraduate education, advanced training.

3. Admission of foreigners for study can be carried out in person and/or remotely. Recruitment of foreigners for study is carried out using the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons, who wish to study at institutions of professional (vocational-technical), professional pre-higher, higher education of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Unified System).

The validity period of an electronic invitation for study issued by means of the Unified System is no more than six months from the date of affixing an electronic qualified seal of the institution of

professional (vocational-technical), professional pre-higher, higher education or a qualified electronic signature of an authorized person of the institution of professional (vocational-technical), professional pre-higher, higher education on it.

An invitation for study issued by means of the Automated System "Electronic Journal" of a state enterprise, authorized by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine remains valid until April 1, 2025 inclusive.

Foreigners who have received an electronic invitation to study, received a set of services for information and consulting support (in case of receiving an invitation for study using the Automated System "Electronic Journal" of a state enterprise, authorized by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine), and also completed the procedure for legalizing education documents in the country of their issuance can participate in the distance admission: they have completed legalization at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country that issued the education document; they have completed legalization at the consular department of a diplomatic institution of Ukraine abroad (consular legalization or apostille).

To organize the distance enrollment of foreigners for higher education and for the purpose of studying on the programs of the preparatory department (faculty), for studying the state language and/or the language of instruction, as well as for obtaining postgraduate education, advanced training, VNMU conducts personal identification and entrance examinations in a remote format with the provision of 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 at VNMU, and a link to this record is entered into the Unified Database.

In case of remote admission, the foreigner sends legalized or notarized copies of documents on previous education by mail to VNMU. When first crossing the state border of Ukraine and upon arrival at VNMU, the foreigner hands over the original documents in person.

4. Enrollment of foreign applicants for study at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities is carried out by VNMU:

1) twice a year (until November 1, March 1) within the terms, specified in the Admission Rules for obtaining master's, doctor of philosophy degree;

2) during the year for study at the preparatory department (faculty).

VNMU calculates the applicant's points/grades based on the document on the previously obtained level of education and establishes the minimum number of points/grades required for admission in general education subjects, from which the entrance exam for foreigners is held. Enrollment of foreigners for studies at the appropriate level of higher education is carried out on the basis of a document on the previously obtained level of education based on the results of the entrance exam for foreigners in certain subjects and the language of instruction and on the basis of academic rights to continue studies, granted by the document on the obtained level of education in the country of origin, and taking into account the success points that give the right to continue studies at the next level of higher education in accordance with the legislation of the country, that issued the document on the obtained degree (level) of education.

5. All categories of foreigners who enter for studies are enrolled at VNMU on the basis of enrollment orders. Confirmation of the fact of study can be a certificate generated in USDE.

6. Requirements of VNMU regarding the compliance of foreign applicants, who have arrived in Ukraine for the purpose of study with these Admission Rules, as well as the deadlines for accepting applications and documents, conducting an entrance exam for foreigners and enrollment are specified in the Admission Rules and published on the official website of VNMU.

Acceptance of applications and documents, formation of personal files of applicants and other functions related to the admission of foreigners to the first year in the specialties: 11 "Dentistry", 12 "Medicine", 18 "Pharmacy" to VNMU is performed by the Selection Commission for the organization and conduct of foreigners and stateless persons admission (hereinafter referred to as the Selection Commission), which is a structural unit of the Admission Commission.

For foreign education documents validation is carried out - analysis of the document on education for compliance of the obtained educational level with the admission conditions and requirements for arrangement of education documents. Validation is carried out by the Selection Commission.

Deadlines for receiving applications and documents, competitive selection and enrollment for studies.

For admission of foreigners to the first year to obtain master's degree and a doctorate degree to the first year of study in 2025/2026 academic year:

- acceptance of applications and documents: from July 01 to October 30, 2025;
- conducting entrance exams: from July 02 to October 31, 2025;
- enrollment - no later than November 01, 2025.

For admission to the first year to obtain master's degree in spring semester and a doctorate degree to the first year of study in 2025/2026 academic year:

- acceptance of applications and documents: from January 05 to February 27, 2026;
- conducting entrance exams: from January 05 to February 28, 2026;
- enrollment – no later than March 01, 2026.

To submit an electronic application for an invitation and digital copies of documents on education obtained by a foreigner abroad, it is necessary:

1. Follow the link of the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons – <https://apply.studyinukraine.gov.ua/> – to register an account.
2. Select VNMU and the desired educational program of the university and complete the application in your digital account.
3. You must upload scanned copies of the following documents to the application:
 - a document on education on the basis of which you are enrolled, and an attachment to it (if the presence of the attachment is provided for by the legislation of the country of the document origin);
 - an academic transcript, issued by an educational institution (in case of transfer or renewal of studies from the second year);
 - a passport;
 - a color digitized image of the face.
4. Pay the established registration fee or other prescribed payments through available payment systems.
5. Wait for electronic approval from the university.
6. After a positive decision, receive an official invitation to study.

In case of any questions, please contact: foredean@vnmue.edu.ua, International Relations Department.

An invitation is issued to foreigners, for whom VNMU has granted consent for admission to obtain a master's degree, a doctor of philosophy degree, studying at a preparatory department (faculty), studying the state language and/or the language of instruction, as well as for obtaining postgraduate education, advanced training.

To enter VNMU, a foreigner submits to the Selection Commission an application in paper/electronic form (foredean@vnmue.edu.ua) and the following documents:

1. an application and a questionnaire of the established sample;
2. a document (original and two copies) on the previously obtained educational (educational-qualification) level, on the basis of which admission is made;
3. supplement (original and two copies) to the document on the previously obtained educational (educational - qualification) level, on the basis of which admission is made (if available);
4. academic transcript (original and two copies) issued by a foreign/Ukrainian educational institution (in case of transfer or renewal of studies, starting from the second year, an academic transcript is attached);
5. copy of a passport document or a document, certifying a stateless person in two copies (the original is presented);

6. health insurance policy for the entire period of study, unless otherwise is provided for by international treaties of Ukraine;
7. 8 photographs measuring 3x4 cm;
8. certificate of graduation from the preparatory faculty (department) and a copy of the expel order from the preparatory faculty of a higher education institution of Ukraine (if available);
9. copy of the certificate of a foreign Ukrainian (if available).

Documents 2-5 must be translated into Ukrainian and notarized.

Documents 2-4 must be certified in the country of their issuance in the manner officially used in this country for such verification, and legalized by the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine, unless otherwise is provided for by international treaties of Ukraine.

The application and the specified documents (except for the original passport document or document, certifying a stateless person, which is only presented) are stored in the applicant's personal file.

In case of distance entrance to VNMU, a foreigner sends legalized and notarized copies of documents on previous education to the university. When first crossing the state border of Ukraine and upon arrival at the university, the foreigner hands over the originals and notarized copies of the documents required for admission in person.

When admitting persons, who submit a document on the degree (level) of education obtained abroad, the procedure for recognition and establishing the equivalence of the Document is mandatory, which is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for recognizing higher education degrees, obtained in foreign higher educational institutions, approved by the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated May 05, 2015 No. 504, registered by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on May 27, 2015 under No. 614/27059 with amendments made in accordance with the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science No. 784 dated September 05, 2022. This requirement does not apply to documents of foreigners, who study under academic mobility programs or undergo advanced training and who are not provided with the assignment of relevant qualifications/scientific degrees. In case of establishing the inauthenticity of the provided document on the educational level, VNMU expels such a foreigner.

Competitive selection among foreigners for admission to the first year for master's degree programs in medical and pharmaceutical fields is carried out on the results of the entrance exam for foreigners. Entrance exams are conducted by testing in one day and consist of two parts - the language of instruction (English or Ukrainian) and biology or chemistry (at the applicant's choice). The minimum score required for admission must be at least 100 on a scale from 100 to 200 points in general education subjects, on which the entrance exam for foreigners is held.

Competitive score (CS): $CS = C1 * P1 + C2 * P2$;

where P1 – the score of the entrance exam in English/Ukrainian; P2 – the score of the entrance exam in chemistry/biology (on a scale of 100-200). The non-negative weighting coefficients C1, C2 are set by VNMU with an accuracy of 0.01. The non-negative weighting coefficients C1, C2 are: for English/Ukrainian (first subject) – 0.50; for chemistry/biology (second subject) – 0.50. The entrance exam score for foreigners is the only component of the competitive score.

The programs of entrance exams for foreigners, as well as the criteria for assessing knowledge are approved by the head of the Admissions Commission no later than May, 31 and are published on the official website of VNMU.

The schedule of the entrance exams for foreigners is approved as applications are received from applicants and is posted on the website of VNMU.

Applicants, who were students of the preparatory faculty (department), successfully passed the final exams, received a certificate and are entering an educational program (specialty) are exempted from the entrance exam in the competitive subject (biology/chemistry) and the language of instruction (if it coincides with the language of instruction at the preparatory department). When determining the results of the entrance exam, the specified certificate is equated to the results of the entrance exams

for foreigners in the language of instruction and the competitive subject (biology/chemistry) with a minimum passing score.

The entrance exam for foreigners in full-time mode is conducted by no less than two members of the commission for each subject (they will be appointed by the heads of the relevant subject commissions according to the schedule on the entrance exam day) in the university auditorium, which was determined the day before.

The entrance exam for foreigners in remote mode is conducted by no less than two members of the commission for each subject (they will be appointed by the heads of the relevant subject commissions according to the schedule on the day of the entrance exam) using online platforms with video recording (including from the screen of the applicant's device) or with the direct participation of partner organizations.

Partner organizations must ensure compliance with the requirements for integrity when taking the entrance exam for foreigners (Appendix 10 of these Rules).

7. Foreigners, who are granted state scholarships under international treaties, national programs, other international obligations of Ukraine are admitted to study within the established quotas for foreigners on the basis of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine referrals.

8. Foreigners, who arrive in Ukraine to participate in academic mobility programs or to obtain higher education under educational programs agreed between Ukrainian and foreign higher education institutions are admitted to study taking into account the contractual obligations of VNMU.

9. Foreigners and stateless persons, in particular foreign Ukrainians permanently residing in Ukraine, persons recognized as refugees and persons in need of additional protection, have the right to receive higher education on an equal basis with citizens of Ukraine, in particular at the expense of state or local budget funds, with the exceptions established by the Constitution of Ukraine, laws of Ukraine or international treaties, the binding consent of which has been granted by the Supreme Council of Ukraine.

Foreign Ukrainians, whose status is certified by a certificate of a foreign Ukrainian (except for persons permanently residing in Ukraine) may be enrolled for studies under a state order within the established quotas for foreigners by taking an entrance exam for foreigners in subjects stipulated by the Admission Rules.