

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2017 for the Selection of Applicants for Admission to the
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Biochemistry
- B.Sc. (Hons) Med. Biochem. -
under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and the
Faculty of Science**

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 bye-laws made by the Boards of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and the Faculty of Science in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by article 81(1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Applicability

1. These bye-laws shall apply to the courses leading to the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Biochemistry - B.Sc. (Hons) Med. Biochem. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and the Faculty of Science commencing from October 2017 onwards.

Selection of Applicants

2. Whenever the number of students that may be admitted to the course is limited by Senate in terms of the provisions of bye-law 5 of the Bye-Laws of 2017 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004, for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Biochemistry – B.Sc (Hons) Med. Biochem. - and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, the selection of applicants shall be made according to the criteria listed in bye-law 3 of these bye-laws.

Criteria for Selection

3. (1) (a) Grades obtained in the following subjects at the level indicated shall be considered first:

(i) Chemistry at Advanced Level and Biology at Advanced Level, hereafter referred to as the primary subjects; and

(ii) Computing or Physics or Pure Mathematics at Intermediate Level, hereafter referred to as the secondary subject.

(b) A grade obtained in the secondary subject taken at Advanced Level shall, for the purpose of selection, be equated to the following grades at Intermediate level:

Grade E at Advanced Level equated to Grade C at Intermediate Level

Grade D at Advanced Level equated to Grade C at Intermediate Level

Grade C at Advanced Level equated to Grade B at Intermediate Level

Grade B at Advanced Level equated to Grade A at Intermediate Level

Grade A at Advanced Level equated to Grade A at Intermediate Level

(c) Applicants who satisfy the general and the special course requirements as laid down in the bye-laws for the course shall be selected from amongst all eligible applicants according to the following categories, listed in order of preference:

1st Category: those with 2 'A's in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject

2nd Category: those with 2 'A's in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject

3rd Category: those with 2 'A's in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject

4th Category: those with 2 'A's in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject

and those with 1 'A' and 1 'B' in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject

5th Category: those with 2 'A's in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject

and those with 1 'A' and 1 'B' in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject

6th Category: those with 1 'A' and 1 'B' in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject

- 7th Category:* those with 1 'A' and 1 'B' in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
- and those with 2 'B's in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject
- or those with 1 'A' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject
- 8th Category:* those with 1 'A' and 1 'B' in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject
- and those with 2 'B's in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject
- or those with 1 'A' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject
- 9th Category:* those with 2 'B's in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject
- and those with 1 'A' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject
- 10th Category:* those with 2 'B's in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
- and those with 1 'A' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
- or those with 1 'B' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject
- 11th Category:* those with 2 'B's in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject
- and those with 1 'A' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject
- or those with 1 'B' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject

- 12th Category:* those with 1 'B' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject
- 13th Category:* those with 1 'B' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
- and those with 2 'C's in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject
- 14th Category:* those with 1 'B' and 1 'C' in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject
- and those with 2 'C's in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject
- 15th Category:* those with 2 'C's in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject
- 16th Category:* those with 2 'C's in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
- 17th Category:* those with 2 'C's in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject

(2) Applicants in possession of the General Entry Requirements may offer passes in the primary subjects and/or in the secondary subject, either as part of the General Entry Requirements or in addition to the General Entry Requirements.

(3) When applicants present more than one pass in the primary subjects and/or in the secondary subject, the best grade shall be taken into consideration.

(4) For the purpose of selection, applicants who fully satisfy the general and the special course requirements by the 31 August preceding the commencement of the course shall be considered first.

(5) If the number of eligible applicants falling in the last category of applicants eligible to be admitted in terms of the provisions of paragraph (1)(c) of this bye-law is such that the total number of applicants to be admitted exceeds the number of places established by Senate, consideration shall first be given to:

(a) the applicant's overall performance in all subjects presented for the award of the Matriculation Certificate. This shall be determined from the sum of points allocated for each subject, which shall be assigned as follows:

	Advanced Level	Intermediate Level
Grade A	30 points	10 points
Grade B	24 points	8 points
Grade C	18 points	6 points
Grade D	12 points	4 points
Grade E	6 points	2 points

(b) if this is not sufficient, the remaining eligible applicants in that category shall be interviewed by an Interviewing Board appointed by the Board for the purpose in order to fill the remaining place/s.

(6) If the maximum number of students is not reached, the remaining applicants who possess a grade D instead of a grade C in one of the primary subjects, shall be considered after the selection of applicants in terms of the provisions of paragraphs (1)(c) and (4) of bye-law 3 is completed. These applicants shall be selected from amongst all eligible applicants according to the following categories, listed in order of preference:

18th Category: those with 1 'A' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and an 'A' in the secondary subject

19th Category: those with 1 'A' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject

20th Category: those with 1 'A' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject

21st Category: those with 1 'A' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject

and those with 1 'B' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'A' in the secondary subject

22nd Category: those with 1 'A' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject

and those with 1 'B' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject

- 23rd Category: those with 1 'B' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject
- 24th Category: those with 1 'B' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
and those with 1 'C' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'A' in the secondary subject
- 25th Category: those with 1 'B' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject
and those with 1 'C' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'B' in the secondary subject
- 26th Category: those with 1 'C' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'C' in the secondary subject
- 27th Category: those with 1 'C' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and a 'D' in the secondary subject
- 28th Category: those with 1 'C' and 1 'D' in the primary subjects and an 'E' in the secondary subject