



Procedure round 1 selection bachelor Medicine Academic year 2025-2026

Round 1 consist of a portfolio, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment that must be submitted online before 22 January 2025, 16.00 CET (Central European Time).

The **portfolio** contains a variety of questions concerning information about the candidates themselves as well as their previous education(s), any subject deficiencies² and a plan of action for satisfying the lawful admission requirements and/or additional admission requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University in time for the 2025-2026 academic year. Other questions also assess the candidates' distinguishing skills, insights into and opinion on the medical curriculum at Maastricht University and about the educational system applied at UM. The candidate collects all addenda/evidence related to the portfolio in the 'Addendum to the portfolio 2025-2026'.

The **homework assignment** concerns the content and format of the bachelor's programme in Medicine's curriculum at UM and is completed at home. The assessment of the assignment is performed in the same manner for all candidates; a candidate's special circumstances, occurring either before or during the assignment, will not be taken into account. The homework assignment consists of multiple components and the study load is approximately 30 hours. The portfolio, the addendum and the homework assignment are assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The candidate is enrolled through Studielink on time (= 15 January 2025 at the latest).
- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate has thoroughly prepared for admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine in general and at Maastricht University in particular.

- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about learning within the principles of the educational system at the UM.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about the medical curriculum at Maastricht University.
- The candidate has completed and submitted the online portfolio correctly and on time³.
- The candidate has adequately filled the addendum to the portfolio and has submitted it correctly and on time³.
- The candidate has adequately executed the homework assignment and has submitted it correctly and on time³.

Additional criteria for candidates interested in enrolling in the BA MED:

- The candidate has sufficient motivation for enrolling in this track (to be assessed based on the information in the portfolio).
- The candidate is sufficiently proficient in English. An additional language requirement applies hereto. The precise requirements are published on the webpages concerning the BA MED, under 'English Language Proficiency BA MED'. The candidate must have met the language requirements by 31 August 2025.

The overall score of each candidate is determined based on a weighted average of the diverse components of the portfolio. The portfolio's score is based on the various component scores for the subjects 'Prior education', 'Plan of action for removing any deficiencies', 'Distinguishing skills', 'The educational system of the UM' and 'The Medicine curriculum in Maastricht' and the content of the addendum to the portfolio. The average grade for the core subjects (Dutch or Primary Language, English, mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology) in the transitional report before commencing the final year of pre-university education (i.e. the transitional report of the penultimate year of pre-university education) will count



towards the score for the 'Prior education' component. For candidates with non-standard previous education (e.g. year 5 and 6 of pre-university done in 1 year or senior general secondary education + a bachelor's degree) or a transitional report before commencing the final year of a pre-university equivalent, an appropriate conversion table has been created. In addition to the grades for the core subjects on the transitional report before the final year of pre-university education, also study success in any further education at the vocational or scientific level contributes to the final score for the 'Prior education' component.

In cases where the candidates are interested in enrolling for the BA MED, there will also be an assessment based on BA MED-specific questions to determine whether the candidate has specific skills/experience and motivation concerning the BA MED. Furthermore, the English writing skills will be assessed. This last evaluation does not add to the final score for the portfolio; however, the assessment needs to be marked as sufficient in order to continue to the second round and to possibly be admitted to the BA MED.

All candidates will be ranked according to their score for the portfolio. The candidate with the highest score will be assigned rank number 1; the candidate with the lowest score will get the highest ranking number#. Candidates with the highest scores for the portfolio will be invited to participate in the second round of the selection procedure. In principle, this will concern 700 candidates*.

On 7 February 2025, the outcome of the first round will be sent by email to the candidates. If they passed this round an invitation to the second round will be included in this email. When booking any trips to Maastricht, candidates should keep in mind that they may not be allowed to partake in the selection day. Candidates should also ensure that they have provided a valid and current email address with sufficient space and access to the mailbox, so that the outcome of the first round will reach them in good time.

The selection day will be held on Saturday 22 February 2025 in Maastricht#. Candidates who are invited to partake in the 2nd round will receive further information about the selection day by email.

The selection procedure for the bachelor's in Medicine takes place only once a year. The obtained scores and ranking(s) cannot be transferred to a subsequent academic year. In case of participation in a subsequent year, the selection procedure must be entirely completed all over again.

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Residents of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will have the opportunity to take part in the selection day on Curacao.
The ranking sequence of the candidates is based on their score as compared to the scores of their fellow candidates. Having a high ranking number therefore makes no statement whatsoever about a candidate's suitability or unsuitability for the bachelor's programme in Medicine. A low position in the ranking merely means that a large number of candidates achieved a higher score.



* Candidates with the highest scores in the first round of the selection will be invited to partake in the second round. In principle this will concern 700 candidates, including a maximum of 133 candidates for the BA MED. The maximum number of candidates for the BA MED that is allowed to go into round 2 is a reflection of the maximum number of candidates allowed to enrol in BA MED (n=60). In case the total number of portfolios completed in time is less than 750, then the selection committee reserves the right to combine the first and second selection rounds into one and to invite all candidates for a selection day as described above for round two. The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment will then be assessed according to the predetermined procedure (see documents 'Procedure round 1' and 'Procedure round 2') and the criteria as described above.

& If the portfolio is not submitted correctly and on time, the candidate will NOT be invited for the selection day#.

&& The addendum to the portfolio will be marked as either sufficient or insufficient. Should the addendum to the portfolio not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately filled), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day*.

&&& The homework assignment will be marked either sufficient or insufficient. Should a homework assignment not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately executed), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day*. The content of the homework assignment will be used as the basis for one of the assignments during the selection day. Furthermore, should two or more candidates end up with the same total score for their assignments of the selection day, then the final ranking order will be determined by a comparative assessment of their homework assignments.