

## **SPECIAL COMPETITION FOR THE ACCESS AND ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT IPMAIA 2026/2027**

### **APPLICANTS**

Applications under this competition are open to students who are neither Portuguese nationals nor nationals of another Member State of the European Union or a State Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, who meet the requirements for International Student Status, as laid down in Decree-Law No. 36/2014 of 10 March, in its current wording, and in IPMAIA's "Regulations on the Application of International Student Status at Instituto Politécnico da Maia – IPMAIA" (available on IPMAIA's website).

According to the provisions of the aforementioned law and regulations, anyone in any of the following situations is also excluded from this competition:

- a) Is a family member of a Portuguese national, a national of another Member State of the European Union or a national of a State Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, regardless of their nationality;
- b) Even if not a national of a Member State of the European Union or of a State Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and not covered by the previous paragraph, has been legally residing in Portugal continuously for at least two years as at 1 January of the year in which they wish to enter higher education, as well as their children who are legally residing with them;
- c) On 1 January of the year in which they wish to enter higher education, they enjoy the status of equal rights and duties granted under a treaty or international agreement between the Portuguese State and the State of their nationality;
- d) Has applied for admission to higher education through the special schemes for access and admission to higher education regulated in Chapter II of Decree-Law No. 64-A/2023 of 31 July.

### **APPLICATION**

Applications must be submitted online via the application platform on the IPMAIA website and require payment of the respective fee, determined by Maiêutica, founding entity of IPMAIA. For further information, please contact [gri@maieutica.pt](mailto:gri@maieutica.pt).

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Application form (online);
- ✓ Passport or valid ID document;
- ✓ Fiscal number card;
- ✓ Documentary proof of the required qualifications, as laid down in the Regulations on the International Student Status at Instituto Politécnico da Maia – IPMAIA, namely:
  - Documentary evidence of completion of secondary education, including the grading scale used and the final grade achieved;
  - A declaration issued by the official education services in the country of origin translated into Portuguese or English, if necessary, proving that the secondary qualification held, obtained in that country, is sufficient to enter official higher education in the country for courses equivalent to the one to which the application is made, OR a certificate of equivalence to Portuguese secondary education issued by a competent national body;

- If applicable, documentary proof of admission exams taken in the country of origin, including grades achieved (e.g. ENEM; Gaokao, Examen de Estado del Instituto Colombiano para la Evaluación de la Educación (ICFES); International Baccalaureate);
- ✓ Evidence of knowledge of the language in which the degree programme is taught, as laid down in the Regulations on the International Student Status at Instituto Politécnico da Maia – IPMAIA;
- ✓ Sworn declaration of the candidate stating that they are not an EU national and are not prevented from applying to IPMAIA under this special competition, as laid down in Decree-Law No. 62/2018 of 6 August and in the Regulations on the International Student Status at Instituto Politécnico da Maia – IPMAIA (available on IPMAIA's website).

### **PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE TEST (for applicants from non-Portuguese-speaking countries)**

Applicants from non-Portuguese-speaking countries are required to provide evidence of their knowledge of this language, through documentary evidence and/or by taking a test at IPMAIA.

### **COURSES, ADMISSION EXAMS AND STUDENT PLACES AVAILABLE**

As laid down in the applicable legislation and regulations, applicants may be required to sit admission exams at IPMAIA. In such cases, the exam(s) to be taken depend on the course to which the student is applying, as follows:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Admission exams</b>	<b>Total Places available</b>
Accounting	Economics + Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	5
Digital Games Development	Portuguese + Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	2
Sport, Fitness and Wellness*	Portuguese + Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	1
Social Education	Portuguese + Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	5
Business and International Trade	Economics + Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	5
Legal Studies	Economics + Portuguese	5
Information Technologies, Web and Multimedia	Economics + Mathematics A	10
Sports Coaching*	Portuguese + Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences	1

\* Requires compliance with Group B prerequisites, namely a medical statement attesting to functional and interpersonal communication skills.



## ADMISSION EXAM SYLLABUS

As laid down in the applicable legislation and regulations, the verification of the specific academic qualification for access to the study cycle will focus on the syllabus of the admission exams of the same study cycle under the general access and entry regime, namely on the syllabus for the respective subjects for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades of Portuguese secondary education.

## DATES

Season	Application period	Language test (if applicable)	Admission exams at IPMAIA (if applicable)	Outcome of applications
1st season	03/02/2026-13/02/2026	25/02/2026 11:15*	27/02/2026 11:15*	Before 13/03/2026
2nd season (leftover places)	06/04/2026-21/04/2026	06/05/2026 11:15*	08/05/2026 11:15*	Before 22/05/2026
3rd season (leftover places)	15/06/2026-29/06/2026	07/07/2026 11:15*	09/07/2026 11:15*	Before 24/07/2026

\* Time in Maia - Porto

## LOCATION OF EXAMS

The exams are held at IPMAIA's premises. If students are unable to travel to IPMAIA for this purpose, an effort will be made to hold the exams at an entity in the student's country of origin, provided those entities are available.

## REGULATIONS

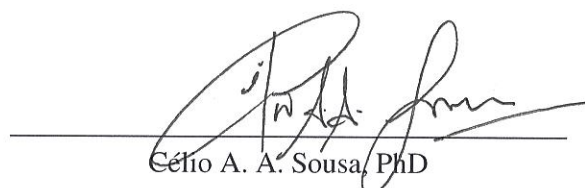
The information provided in this public notice does not dispense with a careful reading of the "Regulations on the Application of International Student Status at Instituto Politécnico da Maia – IPMAIA".

Further information on international student applications, regulations, required documents and other matters are available on IPMAIA's website.

For any queries please contact the International Relations Office at [gri@maieutica.pt](mailto:gri@maieutica.pt).

Maia, 3 November 2025

The President,



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