



UNIMORE
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI
MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA

DIRECT RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS (FORMER EQUIPOLLENCE)

The **direct recognition of a foreign academic qualification** (former equipollence) is aimed at the award of an Italian university title. The procedure provides for an **analytical evaluation of** foreign academic qualifications whose contents must **correspond to** those of the Italian qualification for which recognition is sought. Foreign study qualifications do not, in fact, have legal value in Italy, so it may be necessary to ask for their recognition in order to participate in public entrance examinations, to exercise a profession or, in certain cases, to pursue academic studies.

For all degrees pertaining to the Medical Area, it is necessary to follow the instructions on the Ministry of Health website www.salute.gov.it and then in the search field write "Riconoscimento titoli" (Degree recognition).

The procedure requires the payment of a **specific fee**, in addition to stamps, the value of which is decided annually by the Academic Bodies.

The request and documentation will be assessed by the Department Council of the degree programme for which academic recognition is sought.

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Interested EU or non-EU citizens holding a residence permit must submit a written request with a duty stamp to the [Registrar's Office](#) of the degree programme for which they intend to request direct recognition, using the form "**Richiesta Equipollenza di Titolo di Studio Straniero**" (**Request for foreign qualification equipollence**), which can be found at <https://www.unimore.it/en/services/registrar-and-student-offices/student-forms>

It is recommended to submit the application at the beginning of the academic year during the enrolment period.

The following documentation shall be attached to the application:

1. **original high school diploma;**
2. **translation into Italian and legalisation of the high school diploma** issued by the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Representation with territorial jurisdiction in the State where the diploma was awarded;
3. **declaration of value of** the high school and academic qualification held, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate of the country in which the qualification was obtained *or alternatively*, documentation (**certificate of comparability or correspondence**) issued by CIMEA - <https://www.cimea.it/>
4. **original of the academic title held;**
5. original of the **analytical certificate of university examinations** issued by the aforementioned university (stating the dates and locations of the examinations, if these were also held in part at a university other than the one that issued the qualification);
6. **translation and legalisation of the academic title** held and the analytical certificate with examinations or, alternatively, **verification certificate** issued by CIMEA <https://www.cimea.it/>

7. **syllabus for each individual examination** with an official translation;
8. valid **residence permit** (for non-EU citizens only);
9. photocopy of **identity card and tax code**;
10. **passport photo**

WHAT TO DO AFTER OBTAINING DIRECT RECOGNITION OF THE QUALIFICATION

Once the resolution of the Department Council with direct recognition of the qualification has been obtained, the Registrar's Office will issue the degree parchment within 6 months of the resolution.

COURSE SHORTENING

In the event that the foreign academic qualification is not fully recognised, one may apply for a **shortening of the chosen degree programme** by first applying for enrolment in the prescribed manner and timeframe. Please refer to the [Recognition of previous career procedure](#)

EQUIVALENCE

WHAT IT IS

In order to take part in competitive selection procedures organised by public administrations and aimed at public employment, one may apply under the equivalence procedure pursuant to Article 38 of Legislative Decree 165/2001.

CONTACTS

The body responsible for the Article 38 equivalence procedure is the Department of the Civil Service - Office for Organisation and Public Employment - Recruitment and Mobility Service.
<https://www.funzionepubblica.gov.it/>

For more information visit www.miur.gov.it "Equivalenza ai fini professionali" (Equivalence for professional purposes).