



**METHODOLOGY
REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPENSATORY MEASURES AT
THE “VICTOR BABEȘ” UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND
PHARMACY IN TIMIȘOARA
FOR THE EQUIVALENCE OR RECOGNITION BY THE
CNRED OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS OBTAINED
ABROAD, FOR NON-EU MEDICAL CITIZENS WHO WISH
TO PURSUIT SPECIALIZATION STUDIES (FEE-BASED
RESIDENCY PROGRAM FOR NON-EU PHYSICIANS)**

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CAPITOLUL I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1

This Methodology establishes the conditions under which compensatory measures may be organized and administered within the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara – The Office of the Vice Rector for International Relations, for the purpose of equivalence or recognition of academic credentials obtained abroad by the National Center for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED), for enrollment in specialized studies (residency programs with tuition paid in foreign currency).

Art. 2

This Methodology is based on the following European and national legal framework:

- Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications, transposed by Law No. 200/2004 on the recognition of diplomas and professional qualifications for regulated professions in Romania, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- Order of the Ministry of Education No. 5508/2024 approving the Methodology for the recognition and equivalence of short-term university studies, bachelor's, master's, or postgraduate degrees issued by accredited higher education institutions abroad.
- Order of the Ministry of Education No. 5655/2024 approving the Methodology for the admission of foreign citizens to undergraduate and postgraduate programs, in tuition-paying spots where tuition is paid in foreign currency;
- Specific Standards for the External Evaluation of Academic Quality in Study Programs Under the Jurisdiction of Specialized Committee No. 12—Medical Sciences

Art. 3

In accordance with the provisions of Ministry of Education Order No. 5508/2024, the procedure for the recognition and equivalence of academic credentials attesting to the completion, at an accredited foreign higher education institution, of short-term undergraduate studies, a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, or a postgraduate professional training program for adults, involves the evaluation and determination by the CNRED of the level and/or field and/or specialization of the academic credential obtained abroad in relation to the Romanian education system, which may result in the issuance by the CNRED of a recognition or equivalence document for the following categories of citizens:

- a) Romanian citizens, citizens of other member states of the European Union and the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation, citizens of third countries who enjoy equal treatment with Romanian citizens, and persons benefiting from a form of international protection on Romanian territory, in accordance with the law, with regard to access to education, vocational training, and the labor market;
- b) third-country nationals solely for the purpose of accessing the Romanian labor market.

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Art. 4

If the CNRED's assessment of the conditions necessary for the recognition of academic credentials issued by accredited foreign higher education institutions, for access to the labor market or to vocational training, as provided for in Art. 7, para. (3) of Ord. M.E. No. 5508/2024, reveals substantial differences compared to the Romanian higher education system, compensatory measures shall be implemented as follows:

- a) taking make-up exams and/or
- b) completing internships within accredited study programs

Art. 5

Compensatory measures are determined on a case-by-case basis by the relevant departments within the Ministry of Education or by the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara (UMFVBT).

CAPITOLUL II. ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPENSATORY MEASURES WITHIN UMFVBT—INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Art. 6

Only applicants who hold a professional qualification obtained abroad and who submit a letter from CNRED or who apply on their own behalf to take equivalency exams for the purpose of obtaining admission to a residency program (fee-based) may take the compensatory measures regulated by this methodology within UMFVBT.

Art. 7

(1) The application file for organizing and taking the compensatory measures must include the following documents:

- a) an application (in accordance with the template provided in Annex No. 1 to this Methodology);
- b) a letter from CNRED authorizing the student to take make-up exams (if applicable);
- c) identification document and proof of name change (if applicable);
- d) a valid non-EU passport;
- e) academic transcript—bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- f) the diploma supplement/transcript for the bachelor's degree;
- g) detailed course syllabi, a complete description of the courses/subjects studied, etc.;
- h) proof of payment of the application review fee for requesting and taking the compensatory measures, set in accordance with the Regulations on Tuition and Other Fees at UMFVBT;
- i) other documents, if applicable.

(2) Copies of the required documents must be submitted for documents issued in Romanian, English, or French. For documents issued in a foreign language, copies of the documents and a certified translation into Romanian must be submitted. In the event of justified doubts, UMFVBT may request that the applicant present the original academic records.

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(3) Academic documents subject to recognition and equivalence shall be authenticated with a Hague Apostille for states that are parties to the Hague Apostille Convention; for other states, the academic documents shall be superlegalized or accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity issued by the competent authorities of the country of origin. Exemption from apostille or legalization is permitted by law for persons who are beneficiaries of a form of international protection on the territory of Romania, in accordance with the provisions

an international treaty to which Romania is a party, or when the academic documents can be verified in online databases maintained by the issuing institutions or the authorities of the country of origin.

(4) After the application for compensatory measures has been approved by the administration of the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara, **the applications shall be submitted electronically to the email address of the Office of the Vice Rector for International Relations (specializare_straini@umft.ro)**, registered, and forwarded for evaluation to the specialized committee established at the faculty level.

Art. 8

(1) In order to organize and administer the compensatory measures within UMFVBT, a specialized committee is appointed at the level of each faculty by decision of the Rector, upon the dean's recommendation, to analyze the content of study programs completed in other countries, with a view to establishing make-up exams, in accordance with the curricula and ARACIS standards specific to each study program.

(2) The content of the equivalency exams may also be determined by UMFVBT, through the specialized committee at the faculty level, based on the core and specialized courses in the curriculum, in accordance with the study program's syllabus/curriculum.

(3) After evaluating the documentation submitted by the applicant, the decision of the faculty-level specialized committee will be recorded in minutes, signed by all committee members, which will list at least the following elements:

- a) the field of university study;
- b) the degree program/specialization;
- c) all courses for which make-up exams will be administered as compensatory measures, in accordance with this methodology;
- d) the deadline by which **the compensatory measures** must be completed **(no later than 1 year)**.

Art. 9

(1) The implementation of compensatory measures shall be approved or rejected within 30 days of the date the request is registered by the university administration, upon the recommendation of the faculty dean's office, based on the resolution of the specialized committee.

(2) **The Office of the Vice Rector for International Relations** shall notify the applicant of the approval of the request, electronically, to the applicant's email address, within 5 days of approval, including the resolution of the specialized committee, the financial conditions, namely the fee for the make-up exams, and the university's internal regulations regarding the administration of make-up exams (course attendance, participation, appearing for exams, etc.), in accordance with the university's internal regulations.

(3) The applicant shall submit **to the Office of the Vice Rector for International Relations**, within 5 business days, in writing, via email to specializare_straini@umft.ro, written acceptance of the communicated conditions and proof of payment for all make-up exams.

(4) UMFVBT's refusal to approve the compensatory measures shall be communicated in writing to the applicant within 30 days of the date the request was submitted, **along with the relevant justification**.

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Art. 10

Make-up exams at UMFVBT are administered exclusively in **Romanian, French, or English** and are conducted in **person** or **online**, depending on the physician's request and the university's approval.

Art. 11

(1) The organization of these compensatory measures is carried out in accordance with the academic calendar, so that the applicant has the opportunity to take the make-up exams within **a maximum of 1 year from the initial decision regarding the requirement to take these measures.**

(2) Make-up exams may be taken only during the exam sessions approved in accordance with the academic calendar.

(3) A student is entitled to take the exam for a specific course only once during the regular exam session. **A student may take the exam no more than three times during an academic year,** during the following sessions:

- Regular session (winter/summer)—corresponding to the semester in which the course was taught;
- Make-up session (winter/summer)—corresponding to the semester in which the course was taught (in the event of failure or absence during the regular session);
- The re-examination session (fall) for failed exams, at the applicant's request, provided that the deadline specified in paragraph 1 is not exceeded.

(4) A student may take no more than 3 retakes per academic year.

Art. 12

Students are admitted to make-up exams based on the individual transcript issued by the Dean's Office.

Art. 13

The exam schedule is posted on the university's website at least one week before the start of the session.

Art. 14

(1) Only applicants who have fully fulfilled their academic and financial obligations to the University are eligible to take the exam.

Art. 15

Internships or other activities are carried out in accordance with internal regulations governing students' professional activities.

Art. 16

The amount of fees for taking compensatory measures, subject to the minimum amount provided by law, is established by the Regulations on Tuition and Other Fees at UMFVBT, which are also posted on the university's website.

CAPITOLUL III. RECORD-KEEPING OF COMPENSATORY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED AT UMFVBT

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- (1) Records of requests submitted for the organization and administration of compensatory measures are maintained by the faculty deans' offices, in electronic format, in the Registry of Applicants for the Organization and Administration of Compensatory Measures at the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara.
- (2) Individual catalogs for make-up exams are managed in accordance with the law and the provisions of the Operational Procedure *for the Preparation, Verification, Submission, Receipt, and Storage of Exam Catalogs at the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara*.
- (3) Applicants, results, and documents related to compensatory measures are not recorded in the Unified Student Registry.

Art. 18

(1) Following the completion of the compensatory measures, UMFVBT shall submit to C.N.R.E.D. a certificate attesting to their completion.

(2) The certificate referred to in paragraph (1) must contain at least the following information:

- the applicant's identification information;
- the CNRED registration number for the request to take the differential exams;
- the registration number of the applicant's request submitted to UMFVBT regarding taking the make-up exams;
- the registration number of the minutes of the faculty-level specialized committee;
- field of study;
- the faculty that organized the compensatory measures and the study program;
- information certifying the completion of the compensatory measures: courses passed, results (grades), and dates of the exams;
- the title, last name, first name, and signature of the responsible persons (rector, chief university secretary, dean, chief faculty secretary).

(3) Records of certificates issued following the completion of compensatory measures are maintained centrally at the university level by the Academic Records Office in an electronic registry, organized by academic year, faculty, and study program, and must include the information specified in paragraph 2, letters a) through g).

CAPITOLUL IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 19

The Senate of the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara approved this Methodology at its meeting on June 24, 2026, the date on which it enters into force.

RECTOR,
Prof. Octavian Marius Crețu, Ph.D.

The handwritten signature is affixed to the original version of the document, which is kept in the University Senate's archives. This document has the same legal force as the original.

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Registration No. _____

AGREED,
RECTOR,

To
"VICTOR BABEȘ" UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY IN TIMIȘOARA

I, the undersigned (a) _____, a citizen of _____,
ID card (for EU citizens)/passport (for third-country nationals) series, no. _____, graduate of the
University _____,
Faculty _____, degree program _____, year of
graduation _____, level/cycle of study _____, field of study _____,
email address: _____, phone: _____, hereby request that you
kindly approve the organization and **administration of compensatory measures, namely taking make-up
exams and/or completing internships** at the "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in
Timișoara, Faculty _____, study program _____,
in accordance with the structure of the academic year _____. **I request that the exams be
administered in Romanian/English/French and be conducted in person/online.**

I am attaching the following documents:

1. The CNRED letter regarding the administration of make-up exams (if applicable);
2. My ID and proof of name change (if applicable);
3. Passport, if applicable;
4. Academic transcript;
5. Diploma supplement/transcript;
6. Course syllabi, a complete description of the courses/subjects studied, etc.;
7. Proof of payment of the application review fee for requesting and taking compensatory measures,
established in accordance with the Regulations on Tuition and Other Fees at UMFVBT;
8. Other documents:

Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____

APPROVAL BY THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY

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