

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA
TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENTS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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42nd CYCLE

(Online application open from November 5th, 2025 to December 10th, 2025 at 1 pm CET)

Online form available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/csc42/>

1. The application form must only be submitted online. No hard copy of the application must be sent by post.
2. Before filling in the application form, please read carefully the selection announcement.
3. WATCH OUT: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED IN PDF FORMAT AND, IN SOME CASES, THEY MUST BE PRINTED, SIGNED, AND UPLOADED. WE ADVISE APPLICANTS TO USE A PC CONNECTED WITH A PRINTER AND A SCANNER.
4. It is possible to fill in the application form by logging in at different times and saving the data. In order to access the application form that has been partly completed you must click on "Modify" to complete it.
5. Further information on the selection procedure can be asked by email at: phd.application@unipd.it
For technical problems click [here](#). Requests sent to other email addresses may not be read. Requests sent to other email addresses may not be read.
6. Each applicant may apply to one single doctoral course only. In case of PhD courses articulated in more curricula, the candidate must choose one curriculum.
7. It is possible submit only one application form.
8. Applicants with foreign qualifications that have not been legally recognized as equivalent to the Italian degree must read carefully art. 3 of the selection announcement and upload the required documents in the relevant section of the online application.
9. Applicants with a disability or dyslexia may request special equipment and extra time to complete the admission examinations. Data will be treated in accordance with EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679 dated 27.04.2016. The documents submitted will not appear in the application form for the selection announcement and will be held by the Students Services Office. These applicants, after filling in and submitting the application form, must go back to the dashboard and complete the relevant section by uploading the required documents.
10. AFTER THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN CORRECTLY FILLED IN AND SUBMITTED, APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SUBMISSION

DATA REGISTRATION

Go to the website <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/csc42/>

At the first access applicants need to register by clicking on 'Register' and complete the necessary data (fig.1, 2).

If applicants already have LOGINMIUR credentials, they don't need to register again. They must access with their LOGINMIUR username and password in the relevant field LOGINMIUR.

In case you forget username and password, click on 'Forgot your credentials?'

Fig. 1 – Registration home page

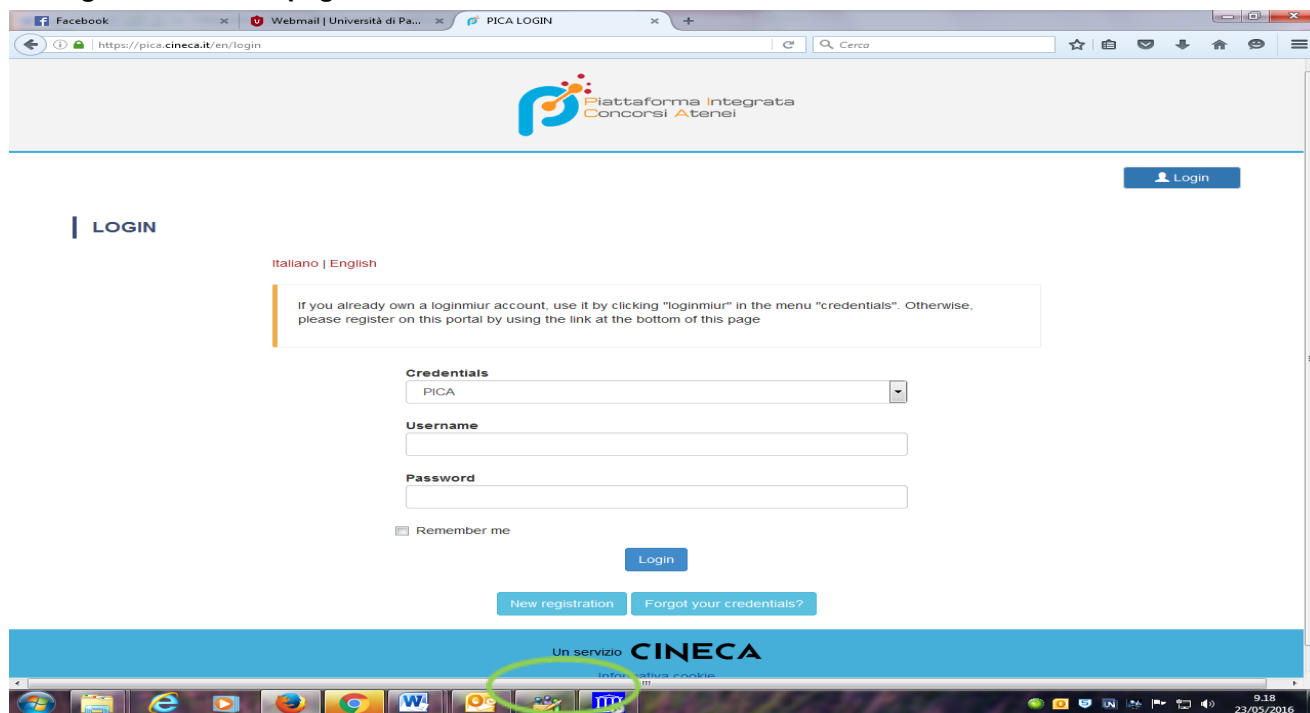
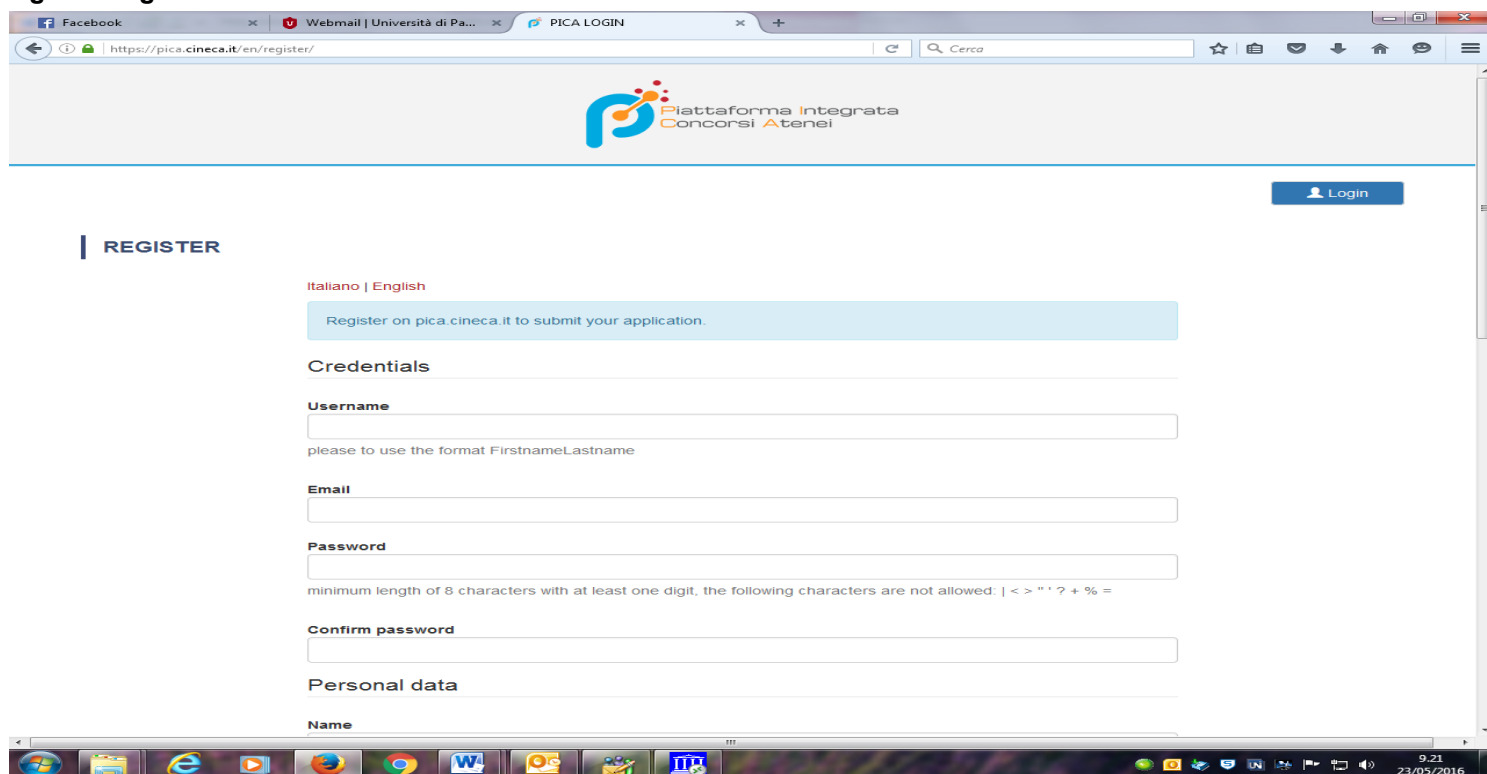


Fig. 2 – Registration data

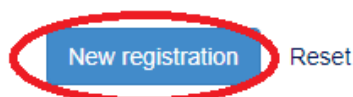


After completing the data, click on 'New Registration'. Applicants will receive an email with the data to confirm their registration. In case you don't receive or cannot find the email, please ask for assistance by clicking [here](#).

Fig. 3 – Registration fields

Mobile

- ☐ By entering my email address above, I agree to receive technical information messages concerning the portal and the services available on it.
- ☐ I declare to be aware of the [notice](#) about personal data protection, provided by the competent authority, as stated in art. 13 of the UE regulation 2016/679



The online procedure for submitting the application form can be also accessed through SPID (Public Digital Identity System – more information here: <https://www.spid.gov.it/>), by choosing the University of Padova from the list of institutions available (fig. 4, 5, 6) and following the instructions of the provider selected. In case of access via SPID, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

Fig. 4 – Registration home page via SPID

The image is a screenshot of a web browser showing the "PICA LOGIN" page. The browser's address bar shows "pica.cineca.it/en/login". The page has a blue header with the "PICA LOGIN" logo and a "Login" button. Below the header, there are language selection buttons for "Italiano" and "English". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a text box with instructions for existing users and a registration link. Below this is a login form with fields for "Credentials" (a dropdown menu showing "PICA / REPRISE"), "Username", and "Password". There is also a "Remember me" checkbox and a "Log in" button. The right column contains a text box explaining the SPID system and a blue button labeled "Enter with SPID o Credenziali Istituzionali". A red oval is drawn around this button. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "New registration" and "Forgot your credentials?". The footer of the page says "Un servizio CINECA" and "Informativa privacy | Informativa cookie". The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen.

Fig. 5 – Registration home page via SPID – choose the institution

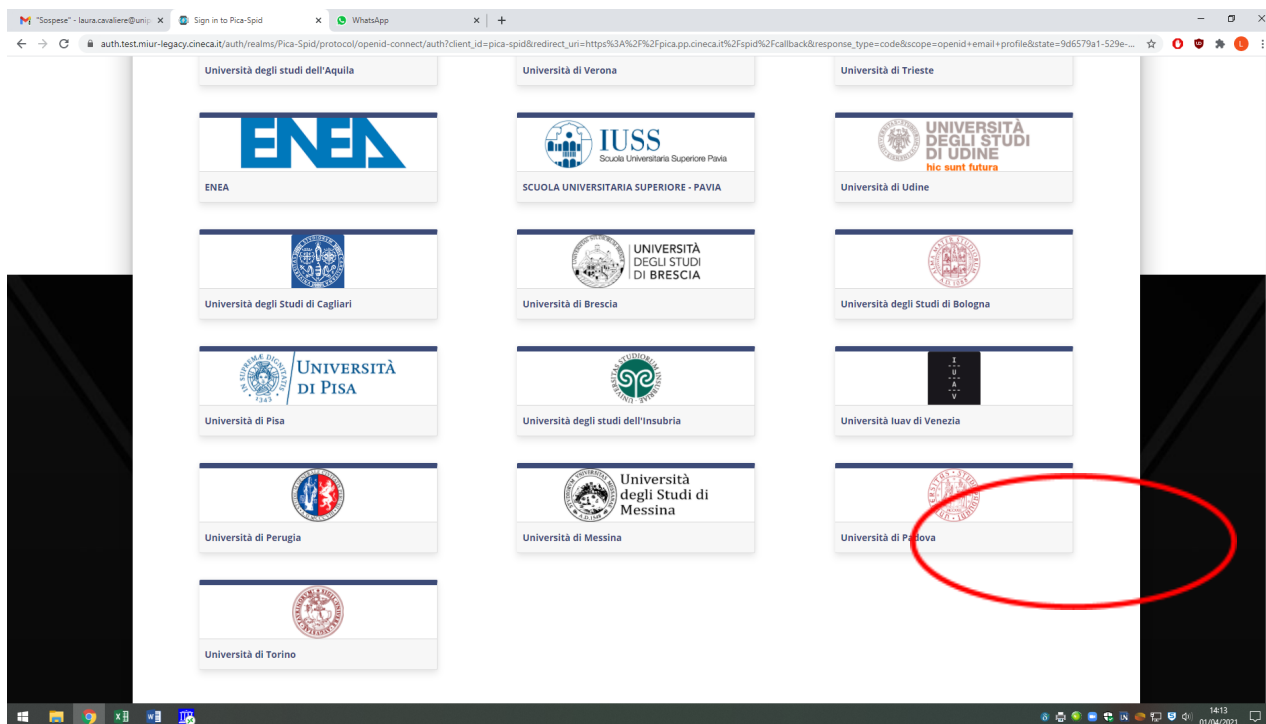
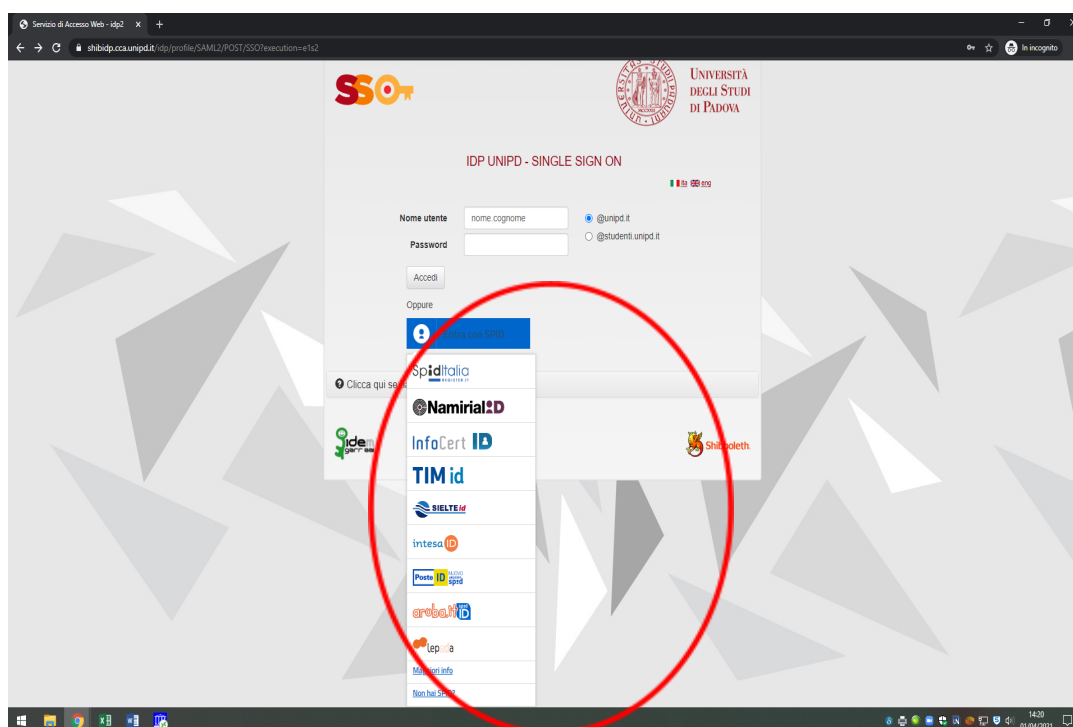


Fig. 6 – Registration home page via SPID – choose the provider



APPLICATION FORM ACCESS

Once registered, it is possible to access the website <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/csc42/> and login with username and password to fill in the application form by clicking on 'New Submission'. Before filling in the application form applicants can modify their personal data by clicking on the top right button (User Profile) and choose what to modify (fig.7,8).

Fig. 7 – New submission

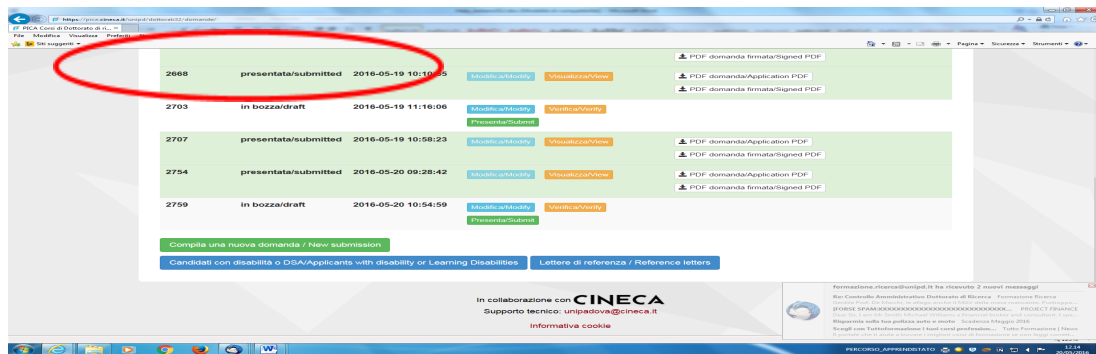
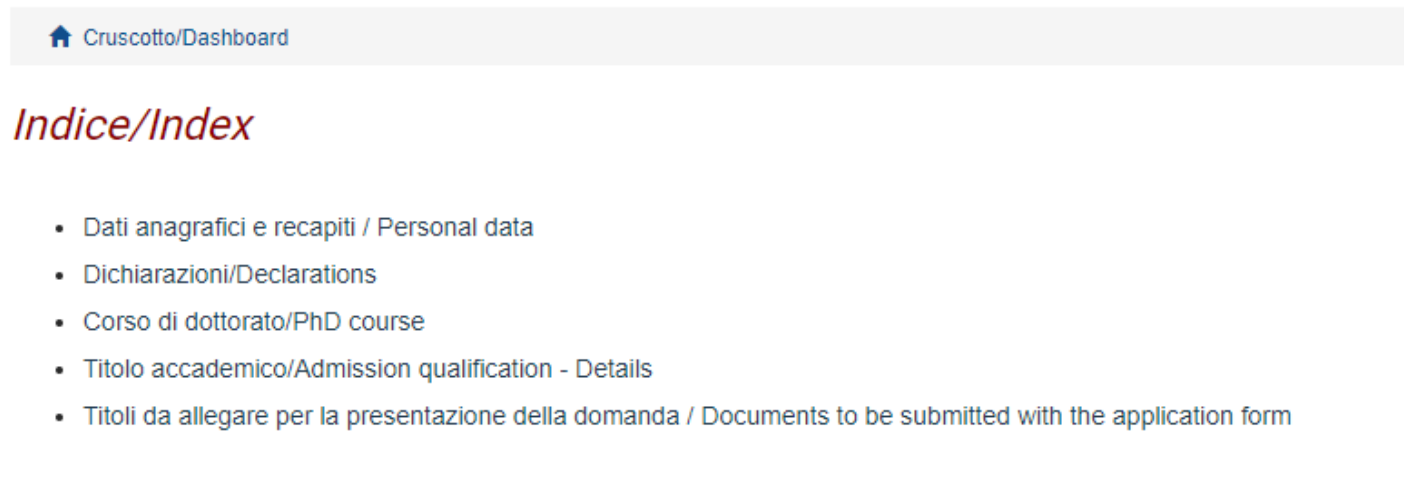


Fig. 8 – Application Sections



The first section is Personal Data. The data have partially been transferred from the registration procedure. There are some more data to be filled in (fig.9). In case there are mistakes in the personal data applicants can modify them by clicking on the top right button (User Profile)

WATCH OUT: after filling in you always need to click on the button “**SAVE AND PROCEED**”.

If the data have been correctly filled in you will directly go to the next section. Otherwise error messages will display and you will have to correct the data (fig. 9).

Fig. 9 – PERSONAL DATA SECTION



In the Section DECLARATIONS you must read a list of declarations and upload an identity document (Identity card, Passport or Driving licence).

In the following section applicants must choose the PhD Course (fig. 10) and the order of the curricula (if any) they want to apply for.

WATCH OUT: The duration of the courses is normally 3 years, except for the PhD Programmes in “HISTORICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL, ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES” and “ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT”, which have a duration of 4 years.

Fig. 10 – PhD COURSE Section

The screenshot shows the 'PhD COURSE' section of the application portal. At the top, there is a header in Italian and English: 'AVVISO DI SELEZIONE AD EVIDENZA PUBBLICA PER L'AMMISSIONE AI CORSI DI DOTTORATO DI RICERCA XXXIV CICLO/PUBLIC SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION TO PHD COURSES FOR THE XXXIV CYCLE'. Below this, there is a navigation bar with links to 'Cruscotto/Dashboard', 'Indice/Index', and 'Domanda/Application Id: 63218'. The main content area is titled 'Corso di dottorato/PhD course' and contains a dropdown menu labeled 'CORSO DI DOTTORATO/PHD COURSE' with the text 'Corso / Phd Course' and '-- selezionare un corso / select a course --'. A 'Salva e prosegui / Save and proceed' button is located at the bottom.

In the following section (ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – RELEVANT OPTIONS) applicants must choose one out of the four options proposed (fig. 11).

Fig. 11 – ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – RELEVANT OPTIONS

The screenshot shows the 'ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – RELEVANT OPTIONS' section of the application portal. The header includes the University of Padua logo and the text 'UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA'. The main content area is titled 'CORSI DI DOTTORATO DI RICERCA XXXII CICLO/PHD COURSES 32 SERIES'. Below this, there is a navigation bar with links to 'Cruscotto/Dashboard', 'Indice/Index', and 'Domanda/Application Id: 2770'. The main content area is titled 'Titolo accademico/Admission qualification - Details' and contains a dropdown menu labeled 'TITOLI DI STUDIO/QUALIFICATIONS' with the text 'Tipo / Type' and a list of four options: 'Titolo di studio italiano - Laureato / Italian degree', 'Titolo di studio italiano - Laureando / Italian degree', 'Titolo di studio straniero - Laureato / Foreign degree', and 'Titolo di studio straniero - Laureando / Foreign degree'. A 'PERCORSO APPRENDIMENTO' button is located at the bottom.

In the following section applicants must fill in the data of their admission qualification, either already awarded or to be awarded by September 30th, 2026 (fig. 12).

Fig. 12 – ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – DETAILS

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati37-green/domanda/635421/48916/157023/. The page is titled "Titolo accademico/Admission qualification - Details" and is part of a multi-page application (Pagina/Page 4/5). The form is titled "Titoli di studio / Academic qualifications" and contains the following fields:

- Tipo / Type:** A dropdown menu with the placeholder text "----- Selezionare una tipologia / Select a type".
- Tipo laurea / Second cycle degree (e.g. M.Sc. , M.Phil, etc):** A text input field.
- Università / University:** A text input field.
- Titolo di Studio / Type of second cycle degree (e.g. M.Sc. in Economics):** A text input field.
- Data effettiva o prevista di conseguimento titolo / Real or presumed graduation date:** A date input field with the placeholder "gg/mm/aaaa -- dd/mm/yyyy".
- Voto / Grade:** Two text input fields separated by a slash, followed by a checkbox labeled "con lode / with honors".

Navigation buttons include "Precedente/Previous" and "Successiva/Next". A "Salva e procedi / Save and proceed" button is located below the form. At the bottom, there is a footer for CINECA, mentioning technical support at unipadova@cineca.it and links to privacy and cookie information.

WATCH OUT: In this section you must upload all the documents requested for the recognition of the foreign academic degree (fig. 13)

Fig. 13 – DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

Documenti per titoli conseguiti/da conseguire all'estero / Documents to be attached with reference to the foreign qualification:

Richiesta riconoscimento / Request for equivalence

☒ Sì, richiedo il riconoscimento / Yes, I ask for the equivalence

☐ No, non richiedo il riconoscimento e allego dichiarazione di equipollenza nella sezione "Titoli da allegare per la presentazione della domanda / No, I do not ask for the equivalence and I attach the equivalence declaration

Dichiaro/Declare

☒ Dichiaro di allegare nella pagina "Titoli da allegare per la presentazione della domanda" il titolo di studio straniero (se conseguito) e/o altra documentazione utile per la valutazione del riconoscimento del titolo, e ogni altra documentazione prevista dall'avviso utile per il riconoscimento stesso

I declare to attach in the section "Documents to be submitted with the application form" my foreign Degree diploma or certificate (if any) and/or any other document useful for the recognition of the qualifications, as indicated in the selection announcement.

Documenti per il riconoscimento dell'eventuale titolo straniero / Documents for the evaluation of the foreign qualification

Inserire qui i documenti richiesti per il riconoscimento dell'eventuale titolo straniero, come previsto dall'avviso alla selezione Art. 3

Please attach here the documents useful for the evaluation of the foreign qualification as indicated in the Selection announcement at the Art. 3

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Descrizione/Description

Carica/Upload
 Nessun file selezionato

In the section “DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM” you must upload all the documents specified in the selection announcement, with the exclusion of reference letters which must be submitted via a specific procedure (see art. 3). **Therefore we advise applicants to pay special attention to the documents to be submitted listed in the call for admission in order to upload them all correctly.**

The files must be in pdf format and readable. For each file a brief description is needed (fig. 14).

Fig. 14 – DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM

Titoli da allegare per la presentazione della domanda / Documents to be submitted with the application form

Lettere di referenza/Reference letters

Attenzione: non inserire le lettere di referenza in questa pagina, ma utilizzare l'apposita funzionalità disponibile nel cruscotto di gestione domande una volta presentata la domanda stessa. / Notice: to submit the reference letters for the selected PhD Course, you must go back to the dashboard and use the specific online procedure for the reference letters after you have submitted your application form only.

Pubblicazioni/Publications

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☒ Cerca in LoginMiur/Search in LoginMIUR

☐ Inserisci manualmente/Insert manually

Cancella / Delete

Aggiungi / Add

PAYMENT OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION CONTRIBUTION

After verifying the application form, applicants must go back to the dashboard and proceed with the payment of € 30,00 (fig.15)

Fig. 15 – Payment



On the next page click on the button “Paga tramite PagoPA” and then “Accetta” (fig. 15.1 e 15.2)

Fig. 15.1 – PagoPA

The screenshot shows the PagoPA online payment interface. At the top, the logo "pagoPA" is displayed next to the text "Pagamento online tramite PagoPA". Below this, the procedure is identified as "Procedura di selezione: CSC42".

The interface is divided into two main sections: "Versante" (Contributor) and "Pagamento" (Payment).

Versante

This section contains a list of fields for the contributor's details:

- Ragione sociale
- Codice fiscale
- Indirizzo
- Civico
- CAP
- Località
- Provincia
- Nazione
- Telefono
- Cellulare
- FAX
- Email

Pagamento

This section displays the payment details:

- Da pagare entro il 10/12/2025 13:00:00.** (Yellow warning box)
- Causale:** Pagamento contributo ammissione / Contribution payment for admission to CSC42
- Codice fiscale creditore:** 80006480281
- Importo:** € 30,00
- Scadenza:** 10/12/2025 13:00
- IUV:** -----74882

At the bottom of the "Pagamento" section, there are two buttons:

- [← Torna al cruscotto PICA](#)
- [Paga tramite PagoPA](#)

Fig. 15.2 – PagoPA

The screenshot shows a warning dialog box titled "Attenzione!". The text inside the dialog box reads:

Grazie all'integrazione con la piattaforma pagoPA, puoi completare i tuoi pagamenti verso la Pubblica Amministrazione in modo semplice e immediato. Potrai inoltre scegliere il gestore della transazione (PSP) a te più conveniente.

Il PSP può applicare un **costo aggiuntivo**.

Premendo "Accetta", si procederà sulla piattaforma pagoPA e i dati del versante non saranno più modificabili!

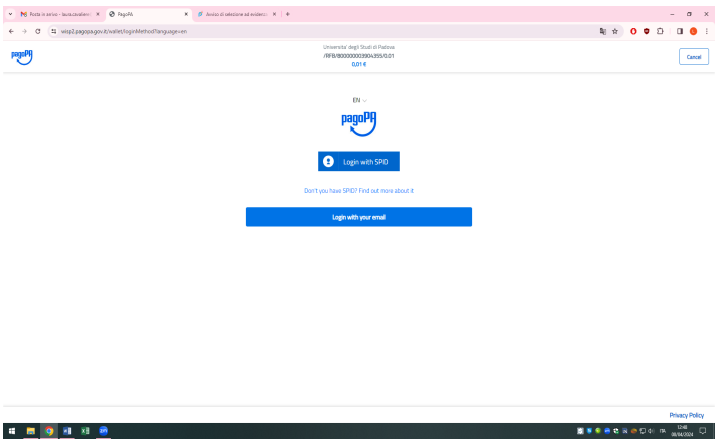
Controllare attentamente la correttezza dei dati del versante!

At the bottom of the dialog box, there are two buttons:

- [Annulla](#)
- [Accetta](#)

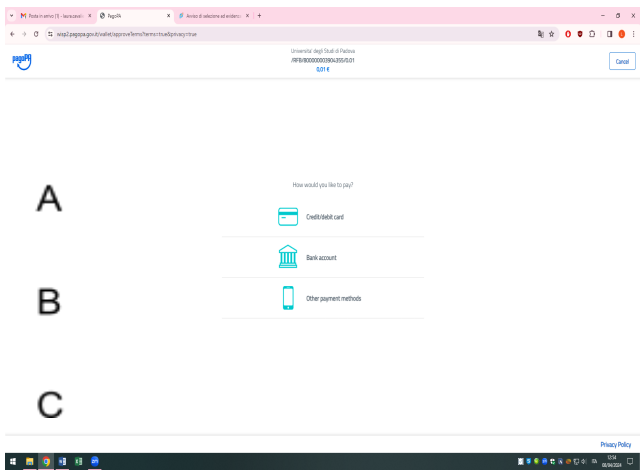
It is possible to pay through the “PagoPA”, it will be required an email address where you will receive the payment confirmation. Choose one of the TWO ways to enter the PagoPA portal (fig. 16).

Fig. 16 – PagoPa



Select one of the following payment options (fig. 17):

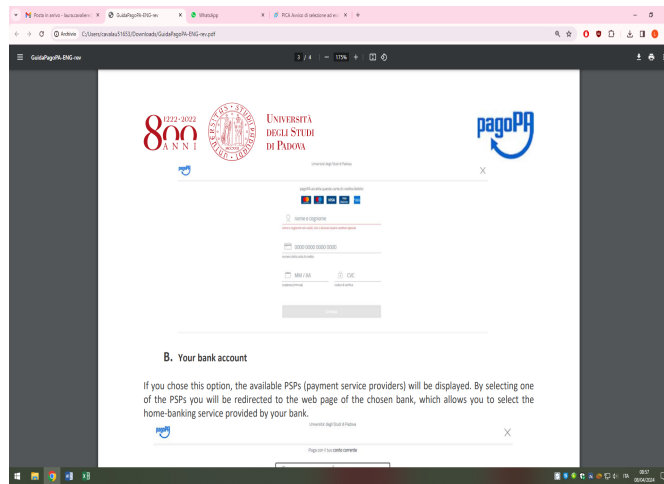
Figura 17 – Payment method



A. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

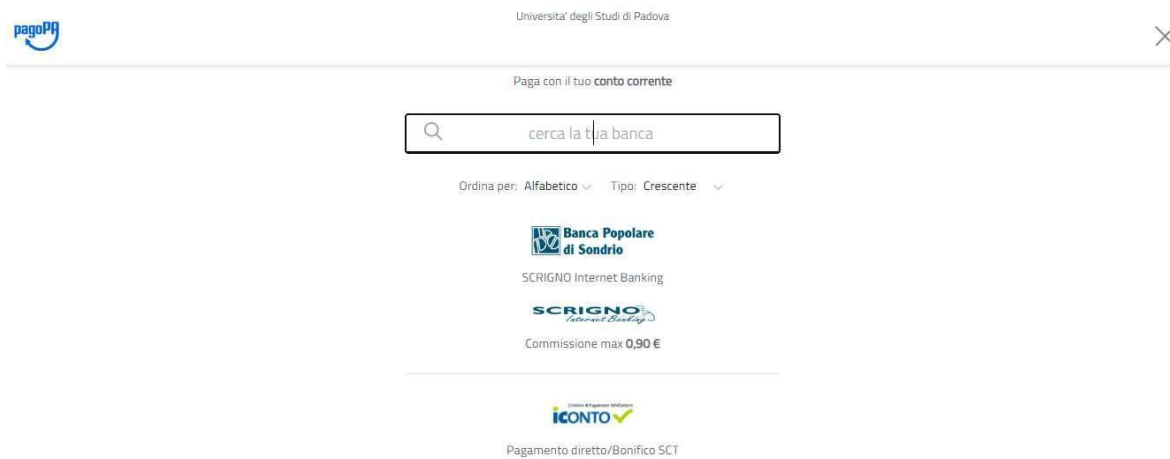
If you choose this option, a list of authorised banking institutions will be displayed. Select any of the listed institutions and make the payment by entering the required details of your credit / debit card (pay attention to the conditions applied by the institution).

Once the payment procedure has been successfully completed, a confirmation email will be sent to your email address.

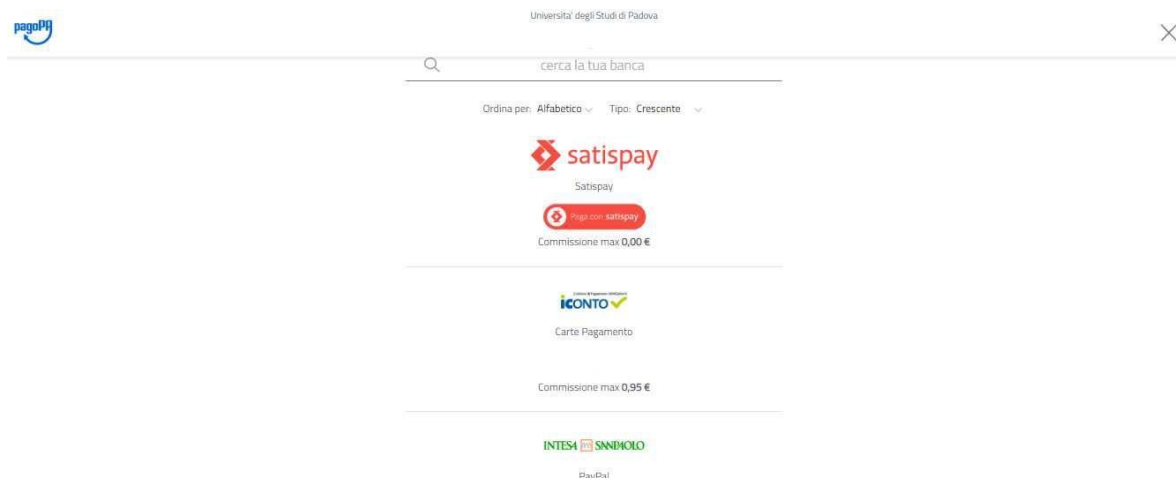


B. BANK ACCOUNT

If you chose this option, the available PSPs (payment service providers) will be displayed. By selecting one of the PSPs you will be redirected to the web page of the chosen bank, which allows you to select the home-banking service provided by your bank.

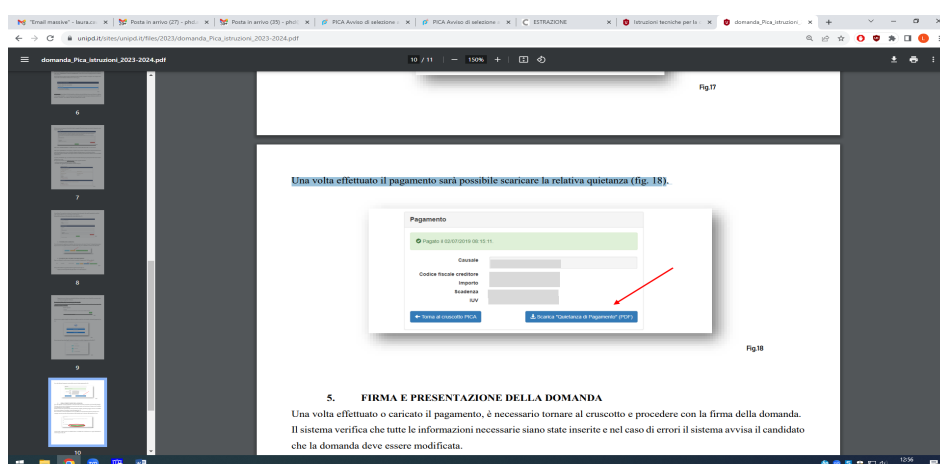


C. OTHER PAYMENT METHODS



Once the payment has been made, it will be possible to download the relative receipt (fig. 18).

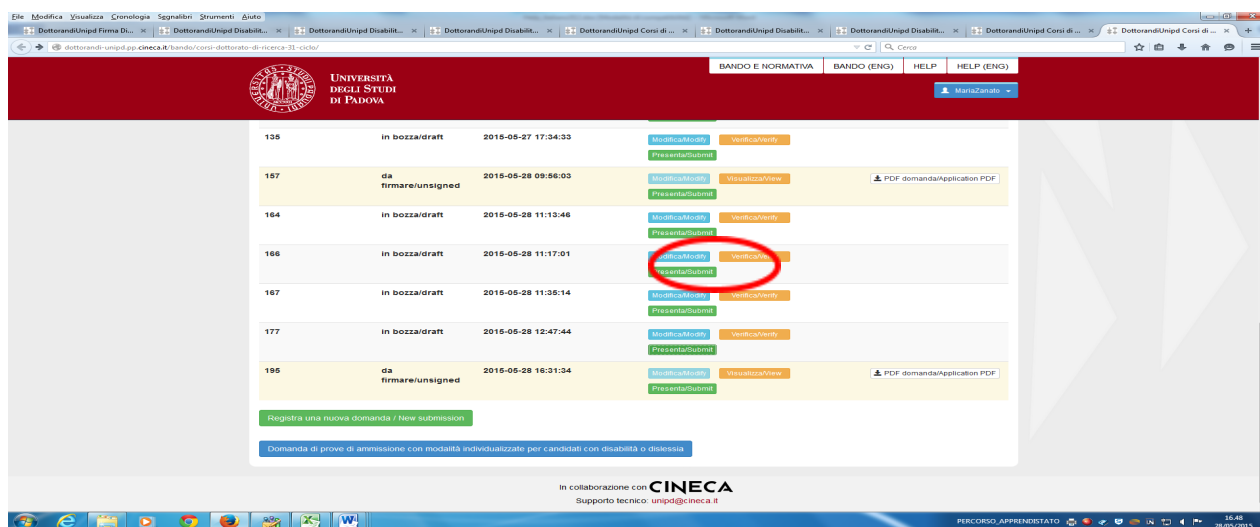
Figura 18 – Download receipt



SIGNATURE AND SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

After filling in this section applicants will be redirected to the dashboard where they see the draft of their application form. In order to submit it applicants must click on submit (fig. 19).

Fig. 19 – Submission of the application



If the application has been filled in correctly you will see the pdf file of the application. In case there are mistakes applicants receive an error message and the application must be corrected. When the application has been corrected you are directed to the following section and you must click on 'Submit' (fig. 20). In case of access via SPID, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

Fig. 20 – Submission of the application

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Descrizione/Description

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Dettagli sul file allegato/Attachment details

STATUTO_con_modifica_art46c9.pdf

Dimensione/Size (byte)

582816

Checksum

46794f3385d9631ae8d5bc367eb05caf9f1a91e8cade830ba9007ce0d90a5c04

Tipo di checksum/Checksum type

SHA256

Sostituisci/Change file

Scegli file Nessun file selezionato

Firma del candidato
Candidate's signature

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Presenta/Submit

After the submission you will see three possibilities to sign the application. You must choose one and follow the instructions (fig. 21).

Fig. 21 – Signature

Il sistema supporta le seguenti modalità / The following options are available:

Firma il documento manualmente / Sign the application (no digital signature)

Per firmare manualmente il documento è necessario scaricare il PDF del documento sul proprio computer, stamparlo, firmarlo manualmente, effettuarne la scansione in un file PDF e caricare quest'ultimo sul sito. / If you can't sign the document digitally as specified in the other sections you need to download the pdf file of the application, print it, sign it in original, scan it in a pdf file and upload it again on the website.

ATTENZIONE: la scansione, oltre alle pagine della domanda, dovrà contenere nell'ultima pagina la copia di un documento di identità in corso di validità (questo passaggio non è necessario se la copia del documento di identità è stata inserita tra gli allegati alla domanda) / WATCH OUT: the copy of a valid identity document must be included as the last page of the scanned pdf, after the application form pages (this step can be dispensed with if a copy of the document was uploaded as an attachment of the application form)

Firma il documento sul server ConFirma / Sign the application on the server using ConFirma service

Per firmare digitalmente il documento è necessario avere una dotazione hardware (ad esempio smart card o dispositivo USB con certificato digitale di sottoscrizione rilasciato da un Certificatore accreditato) compatibile con il servizio ConFirma. Dopo la firma sarà possibile scaricare il PDF firmato / In order to sign digitally the application it is necessary to have an hardware (e.g. smart card or USB with digital signature certificate issued by an approved certification body) compatible with ConFirma service. After signing, applicants can download the signed pdf application

Firma digitalmente il documento sul tuo personal computer / Sign the application digitally on your pc

Per firmare digitalmente il documento è necessario avere una dotazione hardware (ad esempio smart card o dispositivo USB con certificato digitale di sottoscrizione rilasciato da un Certificatore accreditato) e software di firma digitale con cui generare, a partire dal file PDF del documento scaricato da questo sito, il file firmato in formato pdf.p7m da ricaricare sul sito stesso / In order to sign digitally the application it is necessary to have an hardware (e.g. smart card or USB with digital signature certificate issued by an approved certification body) and a software for digital signatures in order to create a pdf.p7m file from the pdf file downloaded from this site. The pdf.p7m file must be uploaded in the website again

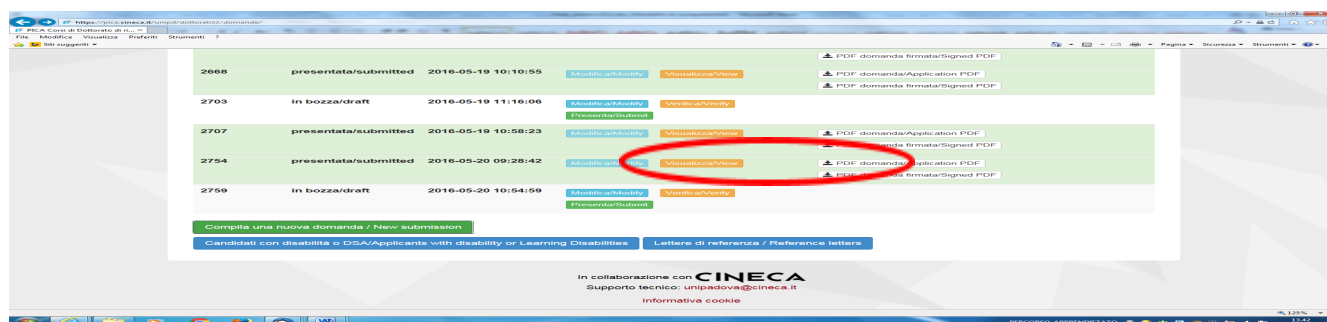
WATCH OUT: Applicants who, during registration selected "NO" in the "Italian Citizenship" field and did not indicate a "tax code", will be only allowed to add their original signature to the application, i.e. they will only see the "no digital signature" option during the signature process.

If you choose to sign with no digital signature **you must print the pdf application, sign it, scan it, and upload it. If applicants haven't done so before, they must upload an identity document in the Personal Data section. We advise to check that the uploaded file is complete. Applicants can upload only one file, so if they must also upload the identity document, the application form and the identity document must be scanned together.**

After the submission applicants will receive an email with the confirmation of the submission. Applicants will always be able to login to their account, personal data and application form.

REFERENCE LETTERS

If applicants want to submit reference letters among the documents for the PhD course, after the submission of the application form they will find the button 'Reference letters' in the dashboard. Applicant must click on it and fill in the relevant information in order to send to the chosen referees the request for the letter. Applicants must specify the institutional email address of the referee, not a personal email address.



The referee specified will receive the request to fill in the reference letter and can submit it **by December 15th, 2025 at 13:00 CET**. We advise applicants to inform referees that they will receive the request. If the referee fills in and submits the

letter, the applicant will receive an email specifying that the letter has been submitted. Applicants, however, can always check the status of the request. Reference letters uploaded by applicants will not be taken into consideration.

If applicants wish to change the referee they must ask for technical assistance by clicking [here](#), specifying the ID of the application.

APPLICATION FORM MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL

If applicants need to modify the application form after the pdf has been created:

- if they have submitted the application form and received the email of confirmation, they cannot modify the application form but they will be able to withdraw it following the relevant procedure available on the dashboard and submit a new application form;
- if they have created the pdf file but they have not completed the submission (the pdf file has not been uploaded yet and so they haven't received the email of confirmation), then they must contact for technical assistance by clicking [here](#) and ask to have the application re-opened. In the email they must specify the reason of their request and the ID of their application form, and attach copy of their identity document.