WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HALF-PRICE ADMISSION AND ACADEMIC BENEFITS

PACAM 2027 — Pan-American Congress of Aerospace Medicine, Urgent and Emergency Care

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3.1. Who may apply for the benefit?

PACAM 2027 recognizes the importance of continuing academic education and expanding access to scientific knowledge.

Participation in the congress may include two distinct benefit arrangements:

I. Statutory half-price admission: available to persons meeting the requirements of federal or state law applicable to the ticket or access category purchased.

II. Institutional academic benefit: a discount voluntarily offered by the PACAM 2027 organizers under the terms published for each registration category.

In both cases, eligibility will depend on submission of the relevant documentation and compliance with the established conditions.

3.2. Undergraduate students

Students duly enrolled at educational institutions recognized or authorized by the relevant authorities may apply for statutory half-price admission where the law applies.

Eligible fields of study include:

- Medicine;
- Nursing;
- Physiotherapy;
- Psychology;
- Biomedicine;
- Pharmacy;
- Nutrition;
- Physical Education;
- Other recognized undergraduate degrees, including fields unrelated to healthcare.

Example: a medical student in the eighth semester at a Brazilian university may select student half-price admission, subject to statutory and documentary requirements.

Federal half-price admission law does not impose a general age limit on recognition of student status.

Legal basis: Law No. 12,933/2013, Art. 1(2); Paraná State Law No. 22,130/2024, Art. 290.

3.3. Postgraduate and specialization students

Professionals who have already completed an undergraduate degree and are duly enrolled in postgraduate programs may qualify as students under education law.

This includes:

- Lato sensu specialization programs;
- Academic master's degrees;
- Professional master's degrees;
- Academic doctoral degrees;
- Professional doctoral degrees;
- Advanced training courses and other postgraduate programs recognized under education law.

Example 1: a physician with 15 years of professional experience, currently enrolled in an Aerospace Medicine specialization program, may apply for the student benefit if the applicable conditions are met.

Example 2: a nurse duly enrolled in a master's program may establish student status regardless of previously completed undergraduate or specialization qualifications.

Example 3: a physiotherapist enrolled in a doctoral program may apply for student half-price admission if valid documents are presented and the registration falls within the scope of the law.

Prior completion of a postgraduate qualification alone does not establish current enrollment.

Legal basis: Law No. 9,394/1996, Art. 44(III); Paraná State Law No. 22,130/2024, Art. 290.

3.4. Medical residents

Medical residency is a form of postgraduate education under Federal Law No. 6,932/1981.

Accordingly, physicians duly enrolled in accredited medical residency programs may provide evidence of student status for the assessment of half-price admission eligibility.

Example: a resident physician in Anesthesiology, Intensive Care Medicine, or Emergency Medicine may apply for the benefit by submitting valid documentation of academic status.

Participation in professional training or placements that do not constitute formal educational programs does not automatically confer the same status.

Legal basis: Law No. 6,932/1981, Art. 1.

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3.5. Distance-learning students

The mode of study, whether on campus or by distance learning, does not itself preclude recognition of student status.

What matters is valid enrollment in a program falling within educational levels and modalities recognized under Brazilian law.

Example: a nurse enrolled in a recognized distance-learning specialization program may request the student benefit on the same terms as an on-campus student.

Short courses, isolated training sessions, professional certifications, and programs outside the statutory education framework do not automatically entitle participants to half-price admission.

These participants may be considered for specific institutional benefits.

3.6. Healthcare professionals in the State of Paraná

State law specifically provides for half-price admission for active and retired professionals in Paraná's public and private healthcare systems.

Under Article 303-A of State Law No. 22,130/2024, as amended by Law No. 23,396/2026, the listed professions include:

- Physicians, veterinarians, and biomedical professionals;
- Nurses, nursing and radiology technicians and assistants;
- Physiotherapists and occupational therapists;
- Psychologists and psychoanalysts;
- Dentists;
- Social workers;
- Biologists;
- Physical Education professionals;
- Pharmacists;
- Speech-language therapists;
- Nutritionists.

The state benefit requires compliance with the law's territorial and professional criteria, as well as application to the particular type of event ticket.

Example: a nurse working in Paraná's healthcare system may request assessment of the state benefit even without enrollment in a postgraduate course.

Proof: an identity document together with a payslip, employment ID card, or membership card issued by a professional body, pursuant to Article 303-B.

Legal basis: State Law No. 22,130/2024, Arts. 303-A and 303-B, as amended by Laws No. 22,235/2024 and No. 23,396/2026.

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3.7. Other beneficiaries provided for by law

In addition to students and healthcare professionals covered by state law, the following groups should be considered:

A. Older persons

Persons aged 60 or older, for activities and events covered by the Older Persons Statute.

Proof: official identity document.

Legal basis: Law No. 10,741/2003, Arts. 1 and 23.

B. Persons with disabilities

Persons with disabilities and, where necessary, their companions, subject to applicable law and regulations.

Proof must comply with legally prescribed documentation and specific accessibility requirements.

Legal basis: Law No. 12,933/2013, Art. 1(8); Decree No. 8,537/2015, Art. 6.

C. Low-income young people

Persons aged 15–29 who meet the income criteria, are enrolled in Cadastro Único, and hold a valid Identidade Jovem card.

Proof: ID Jovem together with a photo ID.

Legal basis: Law No. 12,933/2013, Art. 1(9); Decree No. 8,537/2015, Art. 5.

D. Other state-law beneficiaries

Paraná state law also covers specific circumstances involving election poll workers, blood, organ and tissue donors, and other categories governed by separate legislation.

Recognition of these benefits depends on satisfying the conditions of each legal provision and its application to the event.

Legal basis: Paraná State Law No. 22,130/2024, particularly Arts. 297–303.

3.8. International students and professionals

PACAM 2027 seeks to promote scientific exchange and academic integration among countries in the Americas and other regions.

To this end, a 50% International Academic Benefit is proposed for students and professionals duly enrolled in undergraduate, specialization, residency, master's, or doctoral programs at foreign institutions.

The benefit may cover participants from Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico, and other countries, in accordance with approved institutional criteria.

Eligibility may require:

- Identity document or passport;

- Current proof of enrollment;
- Identification of the educational institution;
- Identification of the course and academic term.

Documents in Spanish or Portuguese may be accepted for institutional verification under the published documentation policy.

This discount is a proposed voluntary institutional benefit and does not automatically establish eligibility for Brazilian statutory half-price admission.

Its implementation, scope, and conditions are subject to approval and publication by the organizers.

3.9. Which option should be selected when registering?

Participants should first select their congress participation category and then the corresponding ticket or benefit option.

Participant's circumstances	Suggested platform option
Duly enrolled undergraduate student	Statutory half-price — Student
Professional enrolled in a specialization	Statutory half-price — Student
Master's or doctoral student	Statutory half-price — Student
Medical resident	Statutory half-price — Student
Duly enrolled distance learner	Statutory half-price — Student
Paraná healthcare professional covered by law	Statutory half-price — Paraná healthcare
Eligible older person	Statutory half-price — Older person
Eligible person with disability	Statutory half-price — Disability
Eligible young person with ID Jovem	Statutory half-price — ID Jovem
Other state-law beneficiaries	Statutory half-price — Other
International student with approved benefit	International Academic Benefit
Participant without applicable benefit	Full-price registration

Options designated “statutory half-price” will be offered only for access categories covered by the law, subject to documentary requirements and the statutory ticket allocation.

Other discounts will become available only after official approval and publication.

Important: professionals who are also students may claim the applicable student benefit without changing their professional registration category.

For example, a physician pursuing a doctorate may remain registered under Medicine and select the student benefit where applicable.

3.10. Documentation and eligibility verification

Proof for student half-price admission must comply with applicable law, including presentation of a valid Student Identity Card (CIE).

In Paraná, Article 291(4) of Law No. 22,130/2024 provides specific alternative proof arrangements when no competent representative body exists to issue the student card.

Enrollment declarations and academic records may be accepted for institutional benefits under previously established conditions.

Documents may be requested when purchasing registration and during on-site check-in, depending on the benefit type.

The organizers must process documents solely for lawful verification purposes in compliance with the Brazilian General Data Protection Law (LGPD).

3.11. General rules for using benefits

For admission categories subject to half-price legislation:

1. The benefit shall equal 50% of the full ticket price actually charged to the general public, in accordance with the law.

2. Statutory half-price admission may not be combined with other promotions or agreements.

3. Eligibility requires submission of valid documentation.

4. The statutory ticket allocation must comply with applicable percentages and procedures.

5. Tickets legally reserved for beneficiaries must not be divided into exclusive quotas contrary to Paraná law.

6. Institutional discounts will follow separate rules disclosed in advance.

7. The existence of different professional registration categories will not prevent recognition of a participant's student status.

8. The organizers will assess circumstances not expressly addressed, while respecting legally guaranteed rights.

3.12. Legal references

Federal legislation

Law No. 12,933/2013 — Half-price admission
https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2011-2014/2013/lei/l12933.htm

Decree No. 8,537/2015 — Implementing regulations
https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2015-2018/2015/decreto/d8537.htm

Law No. 9,394/1996 — National Education Guidelines and Framework Law
https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/l9394.htm

Law No. 6,932/1981 — Medical residency
https://www2.camara.leg.br/legin/fed/lei/1980-1987/lei-6932-7-julho-1981-357276-normaatualizada-pl.html

Law No. 10,741/2003 — Older Persons Statute
https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/2003/l10741compilado.htm

Law No. 13,709/2018 — LGPD
https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2015-2018/2018/lei/l13709.htm

State legislation — Paraná

Law No. 22,130/2024 — Consolidated Consumer Protection Laws
https://www.legislacao.pr.gov.br/legislacao/listarAtosAno.do?action=exibir&codAto=337687&codItemAto=2135530

Law No. 23,092/2026 — Amendments to half-price admission rules
https://www.legislacao.pr.gov.br/legislacao/exibirAto.do?action=iniciarProcesso&codAto=389518&codItemAto=2474190

Law No. 23,396/2026 — Updates to healthcare professions covered
https://www.legislacao.pr.gov.br/legislacao/exibirAto.do?action=iniciarProcesso&codAto=402724&codItemAto=2575231

3.13. Final provisions

PACAM 2027 reaffirms its commitment to compliance with the law, the value of continuing education, academic inclusion, and transparency in registration sales.

The organizers will publish the final conditions taking into account applicable rules, the academic and scientific nature of the event, and approved institutional benefits.

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Annex — Implementation guidance for the registration platform

The registration system should use two separate fields: “professional category” and “ticket or benefit type.” Thus, a physician pursuing a doctorate may remain in the Medicine category and select student half-price admission where applicable.

Accepted documentation should vary according to the benefit selected; the platform must not represent an enrollment declaration as a universal substitute for the Student Identity Card for statutory half-price admission.

Institutional 50% discounts for international students and other participants must be approved by management before being displayed as final purchase options.

Editorial note: proposed text for institutional and legal review; whether half-price admission rules apply to registrations for a scientific congress still requires specific legal validation.