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Employment of Physicians from EU Member States

Prior to employment in the Republic of Slovenia, every physician, a national of another EU Member State, shall be subject to the qualification recognition procedure at the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs. The Ministry of Health participates in the procedure by issuing an opinion on the suitability of qualification for the pursuit of a regulated profession in the Republic of Slovenia.

1. Recognition procedure in Slovenia

In Slovenia recognition procedures for all regulated professions or professional activities are conducted by the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs.

The candidates shall file their applications for qualification recognition on the prescribed form sent by mail to the following address:

Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs
Kotnikova 5
1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia

The applications may also be submitted to the Registry Office at the same address, Monday to Friday between 8:00 and 15:30.

The administrative charges in the amount of SIT 4,250 for recognition procedure shall be payable by revenue stamps.

The documents shall, as a rule, be submitted in the form of a verified translation with a copy of the original attached. The Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs may request that the original be made available for inspection as necessary.

(a) Application for recognition of qualification for the pursuit of regulated professions covered by corresponding directives

- Application for qualification recognition on the prescribed form.
- Evidence of nationality;

- Diploma, certificate and other evidence of formal qualification listed in the relevant acts of the ministries responsible for the regulation of individual professions or activities;
- Certificates by competent Member State authorises confirming compliance with the conditions for pursuit of a profession or activity in that country, as necessary.

(b) Application for recognition of qualification for the pursuit of regulated professions or regulated professional activities covered by General System for recognition of professional qualifications

- Application for qualification recognition on the prescribed form
- Evidence of nationality,
- Diploma, certificate or other evidence of formal qualification,
- Proof of other qualifications and professional experience.
- Proofs of the contents and course of training, including a statement on the duration of study program, field and subjects completed by the candidate,
- Certificates by competent Member State authorises confirming compliance with the conditions for pursuit of a profession or activity in that country.

(c) Application for recognition of qualification for the pursuit of activities requiring general knowledge, knowledge in the field of economic operations, or professional expertise, abilities and experience

- Application for qualification recognition on the prescribed form
- Evidence of nationality;

and, as the individual case may be:

- Diploma, certificate and other evidence of qualification when such evidence is required for the pursuit of the relevant activity,
- Proof of other qualifications and professional experience.
- Proofs of the contents and course of education or training, including a statement on the duration of study program, field and subjects completed by the candidate,
- any other proofs required.

2. Qualification recognition procedure and decision

After a complete application has been submitted to the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, it is forwarded to the ministry responsible for regulation of the relevant profession or activity. The competent ministry shall prepare a written opinion assessing the suitability of the candidate's qualifications. Based on the written opinion of the ministry responsible for regulation of the relevant profession, the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs shall issue:

- Decision on the recognition of qualifications,
- Decision on the rejection of qualification recognition, or
- Decision on the recognition of qualifications conditioned upon an examination of professional competence or adjustment period.

Recognition procedure shall be completed within 3 months for professions regulated by sectorial directives, and within 4 months for professions regulated by General System.

Examination of professional competence or adjustment period may be required in the case when the candidate's education and training significantly differ from the ones required in other Member State, and in the case that the profession the candidate wishes to pursue includes activities other than those that he/she is allowed to perform in the Member State from which he/she comes.

The candidate shall have the right to choose between an adjustment period and an examination of professional competence in all professions except in the case of lawyer profession, where an examination of professional competence is mandatory since a profound knowledge of legislation of the Republic of Slovenia is required for the pursuit of the profession.

The costs of both actions shall be defined in the partial decision received by the candidate. Based on the candidate's decision, the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs shall issue a decision fixing the amount of costs. The candidate shall cover the costs of training in the adjustment period and the costs of professional competence examination prior to performing either of the two supplementary actions.

After the procedure has been completed and the qualification for pursuit of a regulated profession in the Republic of Slovenia recognized, this shall not, ipso facto, in all cases imply a right to perform a regulated profession. The candidates shall also fulfil all other legal requirements and conditions regarding the pursuit of the profession that are in force in the Republic of Slovenia, such as e.g. membership in the relevant professional chamber and obtaining a licence.

The right to perform a regulated profession in Slovenia does not necessarily guarantee employment, but it gives the candidate the right to seek employment and perform profession on the same terms as the nationals with Slovenian qualifications.

After obtaining the decision, in the case of a medical doctor – specialist, the candidate shall apply for a licence at the Medical Chamber of Slovenia.