



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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Employment possibilities in the Republic of Slovenia, and what documents should be submitted by physicians – nationals of non-EU member states

A person wishing to apply for a vacant position of physician or physician-specialist in a healthcare institution or with a private healthcare provider in the Republic of Slovenia, should submit the following:

1. diploma from a medical faculty, acquired before 25 June 1991 in one of the Republics of former SFR of Yugoslavia, or a decision on the recognition of foreign diploma recognized by the Faculty of Medicine, or a decision on the equivalence of foreign academic title and the Slovenian title of Medical Doctor issued by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology.
2. Certificate of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia of a successfully passed licensing examination for physicians.
3. licence (i.e. authorisation to perform the work of independent physician) by Medical Chamber of the Republic of Slovenia, which is responsible for the issue, prolongation and withdrawal of the licence in accordance with the General Practitioners Services Act (Uradni list RS, Nr. 36/04 – consolidated text).

PROCEDURE:

1. Apply for the recognition of your foreign diploma for the purpose of getting employment in the Republic of Slovenia by the relevant ministry (the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology – NARIC).

More information is available at the website:

http://www.mszs.si/slo/solstvo/priznavanje/prizn_vredn.asp#b or on phone nr.: 00386-1- 478 47 24; or e-mail: naric.mvzt@gov.si

The persons who acquired a medical faculty diploma before 25 June 1991 in one of the Republics of former SFR of Yugoslavia, shall have their diploma recognized without having to apply for recognition for the purpose of employment.

2. Following the recognition of your documents for the purpose of employment in the Republic of Slovenia, you are to apply for licensing examination.

Application should be sent to the address of the Ministry of Health, Štefanova 5, 1000 Ljubljana.

The application for admittance to the licensing examination for physicians should include:

- the original or a certified photocopy of the decision on diploma or certificate recognition by the competent body in the Republic of Slovenia, or the original or a certified photocopy of the decision on the equivalence of foreign academic title and the Slovenian title of Medical Doctor, acquired through the procedure for recognition and evaluation under special law;
- the original or a certified photocopy of the certificate of a successfully passed licensing examination and a translation of that certificate;
- a brief curriculum vitae in the Slovene language;
- Certificate of the passed test of the Slovene language by an authorized teaching establishment (the high-level exam is taken at the Faculty of Arts);
- a statement by the employer confirming that in last five years before applying for licensing examination, the worker has been working independently in the healthcare profession for three years.

Based on the documentary evidence received, the Ministry may determine in which areas and subjects your internship needs to be supplemented.

The licensing examination shall test the candidate's knowledge of emergency medicine and Essentials of legislation in the fields of healthcare, health protection and health insurance.

If you completed your internship and passed the licensing examination in healthcare before 25 June 1991 in one of the Republics of former SFR of Yugoslavia, your certificate of the passed licensing examination shall be recognized, provided that in last five years before applying for licensing examination, you had been working in the healthcare profession for three years. Prior to your employment by an employer in the Republic of Slovenia, you have to pass a supplementary examination in the "Essentials of legislation in the fields of healthcare, health protection and health insurance in the Republic of Slovenia".

If in last five years before applying for licensing examination you have not been working in the healthcare profession for three years, it may be determined in which areas and subjects your internship needs to be supplemented. You have to pass the licensing examination in full ("Emergency medicine" and "Essentials of legislation in the fields of healthcare, health protection and health insurance").

3. IF YOU COMPLETED YOUR RESIDENCY PROGRAM ABROAD:

Apply to the Medical Chamber of Slovenia for the recognition of your specialist title acquired abroad.

Provided that all the above conditions are met, you should apply for the recognition of your specialist title acquired abroad by the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, which is responsible for validation of residency programs completed abroad. Based on the complete documentary evidence, the Medical Chamber may require you to fill certain conditions, such as e.g. passing the examination in Emergency medicine, a three- to 12-month adjustment period, and passing a test of theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of your expertise. Should the Medical Chamber of Slovenia be of the opinion that you require an adjustment period longer than 12 months, your specialist title acquired abroad shall not be recognized.

Following the recognition of your specialist title acquired abroad, you should apply for the licence.

4. IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED YOUR RESIDENCY PROGRAM ABROAD:

Provided that the conditions from points I and II are met, you may apply to the Medical Chamber of Slovenia to complete the remaining part of your secondment program (voluntary) or you may respond to public tenders for residency programs.

For any information regarding points III and IV you are advised to turn directly to the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, Dalmatinova 10, 1000 Ljubljana (e-mail: zbornica@zzs-mcs.si).