

SYSTEM OF RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WITH A SPECIFIC VIEW ON DENTISTS

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THE CROATIA

Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications

The Law on Regulated Professions and Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications

(the first one was passed in 2009, the one currently in force was passed in 2015)

LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THE CROATIA

- The Rulebook on Measures for the Recognitions of Foreign Professional Qualifications (passed by the Ministry of Health)
- The Rulebook on Procedure and Conditions of Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications (passed by the Chamber)



REGULATED PROFESSION

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- is a professional activity which is:
 - regulated by the laws and other acts
 - subject to the possession of specific professional qualifications
 - practised by members of professional organisations

Recognition of foreign professional qualifications for the purpose of obtaining the right of establishment

- 1. automatic recognition
- 2. general system for the recognition

(both procedures are conducted by the Croatian Dental Chamber)

CROATIAN DENTAL CHAMBER (CDC)

- CDC has determined the Price list of services in accordance with the Ministry of Health (for the automatic recognition and for the general system for the recognition of foreign qualifications)

THE AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION

THE SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION CONCERNS

- doctors of dental medicine who are citizens of the EEA countries and who have obtained a professional qualification in an EEA country
- EEA countries – EU countries and Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland



THE AUTOMATIC SYSTEM

- determines that the evidence of formal qualifications (professional qualification) is equivalent to the evidence of professional qualification issued in the Republic of Croatia

THE PROCEDURE OF AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION

- it begins when applicant submits the application form

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- along with the application form the candidate must enclose:

1/ proof of citizenship

2/ evidence of formal qualifications and/or other evidence of completion of formal education for the education acquired after the reference date

3/ the professional exam certificate, if it is required by the EEA state to take the professional exam

- Note: copies of the documents are submitted along with the presentation of the originals



THE COURSE OF PROCEDURE

- The Chamber will recognise the educational certificate attestation issued by the competent authority in the EEA country, which confirms the knowledge and skills obtained during the course of education are in conformity with the Directive.
- The applicant is required to pay a 400,00 kn (app 55 Eur) fee

THE COURSE OF PROCEDURE

- The Chamber is bound to automatically recognise the foreign professional qualification within a maximum of three days of receipt of the application form and accompanying documents.
- Exceptionally, if it is not possible to apply the automatic recognition system, the Chamber will notify the applicant to provide further information and documents within a given deadline. In such case, the Chamber will automatically recognise the foreign professional qualification within a maximum of three days of receipt of the additional documents.

THE COURSE OF PROCEDURE

- The applicant has the right to appeal against the automatic recognition of foreign qualification to the Ministry of Health within 15 days of the automatic recognition.

THE GENERAL SYSTEM FOR THE RECOGNITION

CONCERNS

- 1/ health professions which are excluded from the system for automatic recognition (CDC – dental technicians, dental assistants), who are citizens of EEA countries;
- 2/ doctors of dental medicine, dental technicians and dental assistants who are citizens of the Republic of Croatia and who have obtained their professional qualifications in the EEA countries;

CONCERNS

- 3/ doctors of dental medicine, dental technicians and dental assistants, citizens of EEA countries or citizens of the Republic of Croatia who have obtained their professional qualifications outside the EEA countries;
- 4/ doctors of dental medicine, dental technicians and dental assistants from third countries who have obtained their professional qualifications outside the EEA countries ; doctors of dental medicine, dental technicians and dental assistants from third countries who have obtained professional qualifications in the EEA countries

THE GENERAL SYSTEM

- The recognition of the foreign professional qualification is also applied in the case when a professional qualification obtained outside the EEA countries by a citizen from the EEA countries has already been recognised in another EEA country (three years of practical training are necessary in the country that has recognised the foreign qualification).



GENERAL SYSTEM

- - begins at the request of the applicant
- - if the application is incomplete, the applicant may complete it within 90 days, otherwise the application is denied

GENERAL SYSTEM

- during the procedure of recognition of qualifications obtained in third countries, the Chamber is obliged to seek an opinion from the educational institution (Faculty) on the obtained education and learning outcomes

GENERAL SYSTEM

- - the competent Chamber Committee conducts the procedure of recognition of foreign professional qualifications
- - it is fee payment for the administration of the recognition procedure

GENERAL SYSTEM

- - alternative options: to recognise the foreign professional qualification or invite the applicant to choose one of the supplementary measures (an adaptation period maximum of three years or an aptitude test)

ADAPTATION PERIOD

- – training conducted in order to obtain relevant competencies, conducted by the scientific and educational institution (Faculty/School of Dental Medicine)

APTITUDE TEST

- – an applied professional knowledge and skills, independence and responsibility test, which is conducted by the competent authorities with the aim of assessing the ability of the applicant to pursue a regulated profession

GENERAL SYSTEM

- decision on the recognition of foreign professional qualifications must be made within 90 days, except when deciding upon an adaptation period
- - it is fee payment for the execution of a supplementary measure
- - applicant who chooses to take the test is allowed to take the test two times (aptitude test)
- after that the applicant can complete the supplementary measure – adaptation period

GENERAL SYSTEM


- - if the competent authority determines significant differences between professional qualifications which cannot be compensated with the execution of supplementary measures, the application for recognition of professional qualification will be rejected


THE TRAINING FOR DENTIST IN CROATIA COMPRISES

- completion of a total of at least 5 of integrated undergraduate and graduate university study of dental medicine, that can be indicated in the adequate level of ETCS credits and comprises a total of at least 5000 hours of university level theoretical and practical study (content of the programme is regulated by the Law)



THE COMPARISON OF DOCUMENTATION

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- The Chamber compares the documentation on professional qualifications of the applicants to the professional qualifications stipulated by the Republic of Croatia's regulations on practicing that specific profession.

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- Making a decision on the request for recognizing the foreign qualifications is based on the professional evaluation of the Committee nominated by the Chamber.
 - The Committee consists of three members – professionals who, within their function, execute the education of the regulated profession or have participated in the making of the educational plan of the profession.

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- Once the comparison has been made, it will be applied to all equivalent professional qualifications.

THE CERTIFICATES

THE CHAMBER ISSUES FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES

- **1/ certificate of acquired education of the doctor of dental medicine in the Republic of Croatia by which is certified:**
- **person has finished the formal education and has according to Article 34 of the Directive obtained knowledge and skills of a doctor**
- **diploma verifies the acquired formal qualification**
- **completed traineeship and professional exam (not required after six-year study programme)**

THE CHAMBER ISSUES FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES

- the Chamber has issued license for independent work to exercise dental medicine
- The Chamber charges the issuance of this certificate 200,00 kn (app 25 EUR)

THE CHAMBER ISSUES FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES

- **2/ certificate of acquired rights based on effective and lawful practice of dental medicine, if the person has pursued the professional activity for at least three consecutive years during the last five years – by which is certified:**
- everything from the Subsection 1
- doctor has been pursuing professional activity for three consecutive years during the last five years
- It is issued without a fee.

THE CHAMBER ISSUES FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES

- 3/ **“Good standing”** – by which is certified:
 - doctor is inscribed in the Chamber's Register
 - doctor holds a valid license
 - disciplinary procedures against the doctor were never conducted in front of a competent body of Chamber
- It is issued without a fee.

THE CHAMBER ISSUES FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES

- **4/ certificate of free provision of services in the EEA countries** (the Croatian Chamber of Economy issues them for juridical persons, the Ministry of labour issues them for non-regulated professions)
- It is issued without a fee. The Chamber has not yet issued this kind of certificate – we do not have any experience

SPECIALIST TRAINING

SPECIALIST DENTAL TRAINING IS CONDITIONED BY

- proof of recognised studies at university level
- satisfying the minimum requirements of specialist training (theoretical and practical part in an institution authorized by the Ministry of Health). The programme lasts at least three years and is performed on a full-time basis and in full scope under the supervision of the Ministry of Health.

RECOGNITION OF TRAINEESHIP, PROFESSIONAL EXAM AND SPECIALISATION

RECOGNITION OF SPECIALISATION

- **Conducted by the Ministry of Health in the case of automatic recognition**
 - after the Chamber concludes the procedure of recognition of foreign professional qualifications
 - during the procedure of recognition of specialisation, the Ministry of Health seeks Chamber's opinion on whether there is a significant difference between the foreign specialisation programme and the specialisation programme in the Republic of Croatia (the opinion is not binding)

RECOGNITION OF TRAINEESHIP AND PROFESSIONAL EXAM

Conducted by the Ministry of Health if it is NOT the case of automatic recognition

- after the Chamber concludes the procedure of recognition of foreign professional qualifications

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THE CHAMBERS ACTIONS BEFORE JOINING THE EU

- 1. actively participated in law making process of the The Law on Regulated Professions and Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications



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- 2. on EU's proposal initiated the change of professional title – doctor of stomatology/doctor of dental medicine
 - 3. competent university in the Republic of Croatia issues a certificate which proves equivalence between titles: doctor of stomatology and doctor of dental medicine



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