

Factsheet Second level nurse Mobility to Belgium



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Preliminary Remark

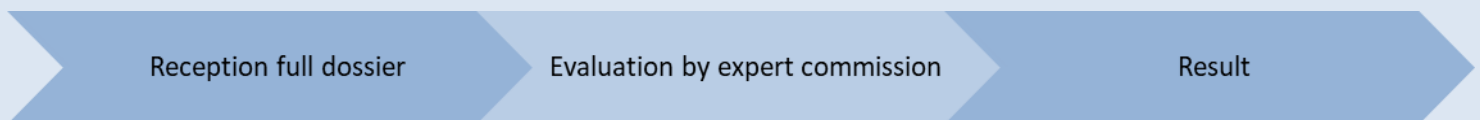
In Belgium, the competences for recognition are divided between the Flemish, French and German-speaking Communities. If you want to apply for recognition, you can contact any one of the three Communities. It does not matter in which of the three Communities you want to work. Once recognition has been granted by one of the Communities, a *visum* valid for the whole of Belgium will be issued. However, depending on the language of the qualifications, it is advisable to apply to the Community in which the same language is spoken as the qualifications were issued in to avoid translation costs. If specific questions arise, the authorities in the Belgian Communities can be contacted in advance.

Step 1 – Submission application for recognition

Submit a full application to the [Agentschap Zorg en Gezondheid](#) of the Flemish Community; or to the [Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles](#) of the French Community; or to the [Ministerie](#) of the German-speaking Community.

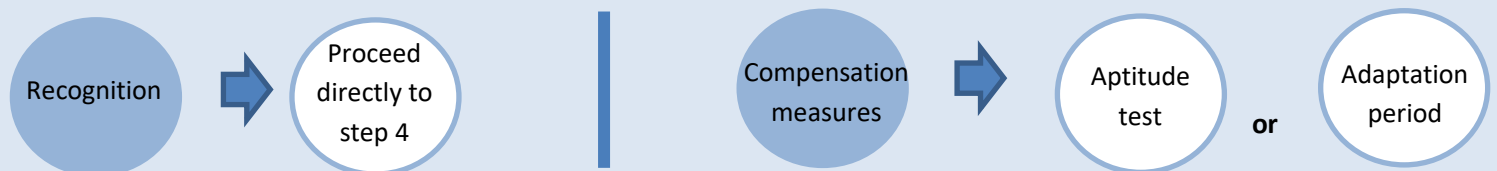
You will receive a confirmation stating whether any additional documents need to be sent.

Step 2 – Processing of the dossier



The expert commission of a Community is responsible for assessing the dossiers and issuing an opinion to the Belgian Minister of Health, who ultimately takes the decision to grant recognition. The commission assesses whether there is equivalence with criteria based on the “*Gecoördineerde wet betreffende de uitoefening van de gezondheidszorgberoepen*”, the “*Koninklijk besluit tot vaststelling van de verpleegkundige activiteiten die zorgkundigen mogen uitvoeren*” and the “*Koninklijk besluit tot vaststelling van de nadere regels om geregistreerd te worden als zorgkundige*”. Recognition is mainly based on education and work experience in the home Member State.

Step 3 – Result recognition procedure



If recognition cannot take place, compensation measures will be imposed. Compensation measures are imposed in case of substantial differences. In this case, the differences between the Belgian and other Member State training are so great that they cannot be bridged by your work experience. In practice, adaptation periods are mainly used as a compensation measure. They are determined on a case-by-case basis by the relevant expert commission and therefore vary in duration. In the French Community, for example, full training as an *aide-soignant* takes around 1500 hours, which means that the adaptation periods are often well below this duration. The Flemish Community has extensive experience with Dutch diplomas *verzorgende IG*. This means that recognition for *verzorgenden IG* is almost automatic and often no compensation measures are applied. Are you not qualified as a *verzorgende IG* and are compensation measures necessary? These are built up by means of modules of 120 hours.

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It is important to note that the procedures for adaptation periods are different in the three Belgian Communities. For example, in the Flemish and German-speaking Communities, it is possible to apply for recognition with the authority after completion of the adaptation period. In the French Community the authority must approve the traineeship before the start of the adaptation period. You must specify the supervisor and the institution where the adaptation period will be followed. At the end of the adaptation period, the traineeship must be approved, after which it can be recognised.

Common differences

- No comparable profession in the Member State of origin.
- Training that focuses more on theory than on practice.
- The profession is not regulated in the home Member State. In the case of mobility to Belgium from an unregulated profession, the profession must have been exercised for 1 year in the past 10 years in order to be eligible for recognition.

Explanation selection documents

- Certificate of good conduct
- For the Netherlands, [Justis](#) can be contacted.
 - For Germany, the [Bundesamt für Justiz](#) can be contacted.
- Certificate of conformity Directive 2005/36/EC
- Declaration of competence in the country of origin
 - For the Netherlands the [CIBG](#) can be contacted.
 - For Germany, the [Landesgesundheitsamt](#) / [Landesamt](#) can be contacted
- Certificate of a disciplinary authority
- Statement confirming that no disciplinary action has been taken against you
 - For the Netherlands the [CIBG](#) can be contacted.
 - For Germany, the [Landesgesundheitsamt](#) / [Landesamt](#) can be contacted

Step 4 – Labour market access

In order to work in Belgium, a *visum* is required in addition to recognition. This *visum* is issued by the Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment. As soon as the authority in the relevant Community has taken a positive decision on recognition, a signal is automatically sent to the Federal Public Service that issues the *visum*. It is not necessary to submit a further application for this or to provide additional information. With the *visum*, you can work throughout the whole of Belgium. No proof of language skills is required; it is up to the employer to check this.

Further information?

Be-assist is the [Belgian Assistance Centre](#) for the Professional Qualifications Directive.

Attention!

- Completeness of documentation is essential: the processing time only starts with a complete file.
- A recognition is valid for the whole of Belgium and is applied for in one of the three Communities. It is not possible to submit an application in more than one Community.
- This Factsheet is strictly informative in nature, no rights can be derived from it.

Costs

Recognition procedure	Free
Visum	Free



Possible additional costs

- Certified translations (in case of documentation not in NL/FR/DE)
- Certificate of good conduct
- Certificate of conformity
- Certificate of a disciplinary authority

Contact details authorities

Flemish Community

Agentschap Zorg en Gezondheid
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German-speaking Community

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