

Factsheet Physiotherapist Mobility to Belgium



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Preliminary Remark

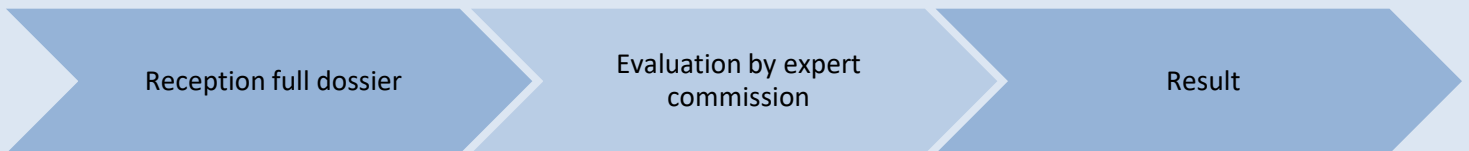
In Belgium, the competences for recognition are divided between the Flemish, French and German-speaking Communities. If you want to apply for recognition, you can contact any one of the three Communities. It does not matter in which of the three Communities you want to work. Once recognition has been 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 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*". Recognition is based on education, work experience and competence in the home country. In the French-speaking Community, you may be invited to elaborate on your qualifications and skills at the meeting of the commission.

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 the case of compensation measures, an adaptation period is most frequently used. Compensation measures are determined on a case-by-case basis by the relevant recognition committee. This means that variations in the duration of the traineeships can occur. The maximum duration of the traineeships is three years, although in practice this period is rare.

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

Differences in the duration of internships and practical experience.

Explanation selection documents

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| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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

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| 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 | French Community | German-speaking Community |
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