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|  | Application for recognition as a holder of special professional competence or a special professional title for nurses and physiotherapists  | ZOZO-03-240918 |
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|  | *What is the purpose of this form?* |

This form is intended for **European or non-European nationals** who are applying for recognition for a special professional title as a nurse or a special professional competence as a nurse or physiotherapist on the basis of **a title** **obtained within the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland**.

This form is also intended for **European nationals or persons treated as such** who hold a **title obtained outside the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and which is recognised in another EEA Member State or Switzerland, with three years' professional experience** as a specialist nurse or specialist physiotherapist in the country where the non-European certificate has been recognised as equivalent.

**Please note:** Before you can apply for recognition of a special professional title or special professional competence, you must have a visa as a nurse or physiotherapist issued by the Federal Public Service Public Health on the basis of a Belgian nursing/physiotherapy certificate or on the basis of the recognition of your foreign nursing/physiotherapy certificate.

A **nurse[[1]](#footnote-2)**  can apply for recognition in the following **special professional titles**: intensive care and emergency care, oncology, perioperative care, paediatrics and neonatology, geriatrics, mental healthcare and psychiatry.

A **nurse [[2]](#footnote-3)** can apply for recognition in the following **special professional competencies**: diabetology, geriatrics, mental healthcare and psychiatry, and palliative care.

A **physiotherapist[[3]](#footnote-4)** can apply for recognition in the following **special professional competencies**: paediatric physiotherapy, pelvic floor re-education and perinatal physiotherapy, neurological physiotherapy, manual therapy, cardiovascular physiotherapy, respiratory physiotherapy and sport physiotherapy.

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|  | *What documents/evidence do you need to submit?* |

If you have a **certificate obtained within the EEA or Switzerland***,* you must include the following documents with your application:

* A letter of motivation + a ‘free’ (own translation, or via software or acquaintances) translation into Dutch;
* A copy (front and back) of your (valid) identity card or passport. You do not need to provide a translation of your certificate of nationality unless it contains unreadable characters (e.g. Greek, Bulgarian, Arabic, etc.) Then we request a Belgian or foreign certified translation into Dutch;
* A copy of the certificate of your specialisation in nursing or physiotherapy + a translation by an official translation agency into Dutch if not issued or translated in Dutch, English, German or French;
* Information about work experience: official evidence[[4]](#footnote-5) of relevant professional work experience with a clear description of the tasks performed within the specialisation and the periods worked, and any letters of recommendation + a ‘free’ (own translation, or via software or acquaintances) translation into Dutch or English;
* Information about the course taken: training programme with details about the theoretical subject matter and the number of hours per subject, practical training (internships) with a description of the areas including the number of hours, evidence of upskilling undertaken, publications + a ‘free’ (own translation, or via software or via acquaintances) translation into Dutch or English;
* A comprehensive curriculum vitae + a ‘free’ (own translation, or via software or acquaintances) translation into Dutch.

If you have a **certificate that was obtained outside the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and that has been recognised/made equivalent in another EEA Member State or Switzerland**, you must add the following documents to your application:

* A letter of motivation + a ‘free’ (own translation, or via software or acquaintances) translation into Dutch;
* A copy (front and back) of your (valid) identity card or passport showing your EEA nationality or proof that you are treated as equivalent to a European national. You do not need to provide a translation of your certificate of nationality unless it contains unreadable characters (e.g. Greek, Bulgarian, Arabic, etc.) Then we request a Belgian or foreign certified translation into Dutch;
* A copy of the certificate of your specialisation in nursing or physiotherapy + a Belgian or foreign certified translation into Dutch;
* A certificate issued by the competent authority of the EEA Member State where you obtained your equivalence/recognition, proving that you have three years' professional experience as a nurse in the territory of that country. This certificate refers to Article 3(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC of 7 September 2005 and is usually issued by the Ministry of Public Health in the country where you obtained the equivalence/recognition + a translation by an official translation agency into Dutch if not issued or translated into Dutch, English, German or French;
* A copy of the equivalence/recognition issued by the competent body in the EEA Member State where you had your non-EEA certificate recognised/made equivalent +a translation by an official translation agency into Dutch if not issued or translated into Dutch, English, German or French.

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|  | *Points to bear in mind when submitting the application*  |

If you are assisted by third parties (e.g. an employment agency) when submitting your application, you must include a power of attorney with your application. That way, the persons stated in the power of attorney can obtain information about your application from the Department of Care.

If your name has changed and a different name is stated on the documents you submit, we will need a copy of your marriage certificate or other relevant document. If the document has not been issued/translated in Dutch, English, German or French, we will require a Belgian or foreign certified translation into Dutch.

If you submit your application by post: the original documents submitted in the context of this application will not be returned.  Please therefore send copies of the original documents.

The recognition is only issued in Dutch.

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|  | *How do you submit your application?* |

Send your application **in 1 orderly .PDF-document** by e-mail**[[5]](#footnote-6)** to: internationaal.niet-universitair@vlaanderen.be

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|  | *Home address (in Belgium or abroad)* |
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1. Must have a **visa issued by the Federal Public Service Public Health,** based on the certificate, degree or title of graduate nurse obtained before 31 December 2007, or a bachelor's degree in nursing, or based on the recognition of your foreign nursing certificate with the title of graduate nurse obtained before 3 May 2018 or with the title of bachelor's degree in nursing obtained after 3 May 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Must have a **visa issued by the Federal Public Service Public Health**, based on the certificate, degree, diploma or title of graduate nurse, bachelor's degree in nursing or nurse, the ‘Associate Degree Nursing’ issued by the Flemish Community in the context of higher professional education, the ‘Nursing certificate’ or on the basis of the recognition of your foreign nursing certificate with the title of certified nurse obtained before 03/05/2018 or with the title of graduate nurse obtained after 03/05/2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Must have a **visa issued by the Federal Public Service Public Health** based on the physiotherapy certificate or on the recognition of your foreign physiotherapy certificate. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Permitted documents include a statement from a competent authority, wage slips stating the period and nature of the work, statements from employers, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. If you do not have an e-mail address, you can send your request by post to the following address: Department of Care,

Flemish Care Fund and Care Professions Division, Care professions Team, 15 Avenue du Roi Albert II, post box 496, 1210 BRUSSELS. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)