

**Joint Statement from the Minister of Health and Care Services of Norway
and the Minister of Health of Poland**

A large number of Norwegian students undertake basic medical training and basic dental training in Poland. The majority of these students return to Norway at the end of their training. Recent proposed changes to the structure of the basic medical education in Poland have caused some uncertainty among students concerning the consequences of these changes for the Norwegian recognition of the qualification as doctor of medicine obtained in Poland.

The Minister of Health of Poland and the Minister of Health and Care Services of Norway wish, after dialogue between the two countries ministries, to make it clear that the proposed changes in Poland, as presented by the Polish Ministry of Health to the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services on the 20th of September 2016, will not have adverse consequences for the students' eventual recognition as doctors of medicine and dentists in Norway.

As such, The Minister of Health of Poland confirms that

1. Basic medical training carried out on Polish territory is meeting the minimum training requirements of article 24 of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7th September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualification and as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU.
2. Basic dental training carried out on Polish territory is meeting the minimum training requirements of article 34 of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7th September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualification and as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU
3. The restoration of a postgraduate internship in Poland will not influence the amount of practical and theoretical training contained in the Polish programmes of basic medical and basic dental training.
4. Medical and dental students can apply to the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists (Naczelna Izba Lekarska), or any other competent authority designated by the Polish Ministry of Health, for a certificate according to Article 23(6) of Directive 2005/36/EC confirming that the holder has followed and completed training in accordance with the Directive and that the certificate is treated by Poland in the same way as the qualifications whose titles are listed in the directive Annex V , even if they have not undergone the postgraduate internship in Poland.

The Minister of Health and Care Services of Norway confirms that

5. The Norwegian Directorate of Health, or any other competent authority designated by the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services, will recognize the professional qualifications documented by a diploma obtained in Poland, along with a certificate issued by the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists (Naczelna Izba Lekarska), or any other competent authority designated by the Polish Ministry of Health , as mentioned above in point 4.
6. The right to practice and the application procedures for admission to specialist medical training in Norway, will be open for graduates of medicine and dentistry according to Norwegian rules and regulations.

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