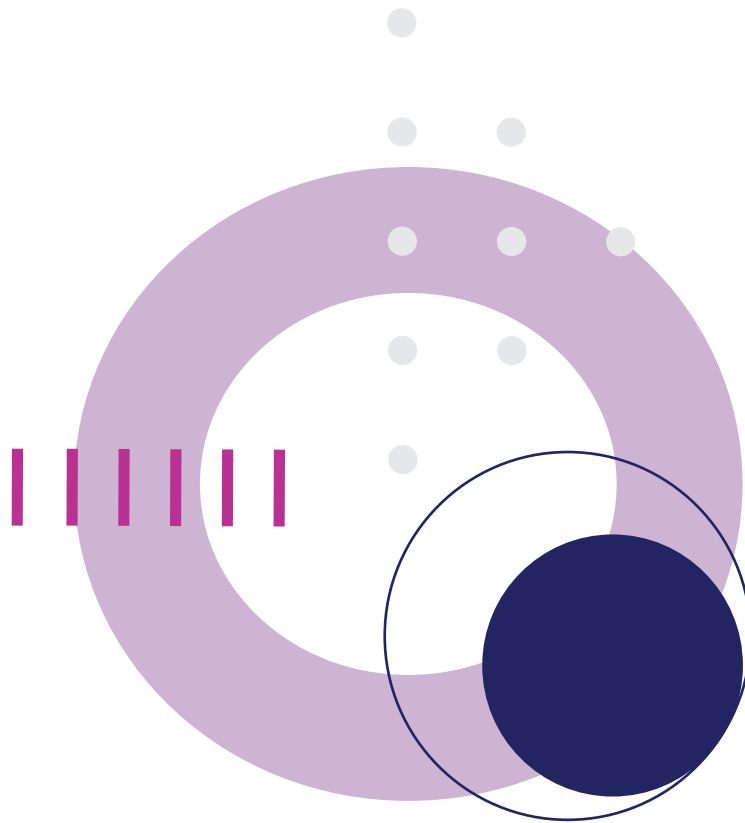




ZBORNICA ZDRAVSTVENE IN BABIŠKE NEGE SLOVENIJE -  
ZVEZA STROKOVNIH DRUŠTEV MEDICINSKIH SESTER, BABIC IN  
ZDRAVSTVENIH TEHNIKOV SLOVENIJE



## **INFORMATION FOR NURSES, MIDWIVES AND MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

from countries of the former Yugoslavia on  
compliance with the conditions for working  
in healthcare in Slovenia

# Providers of nursing and midwifery services

- medical technician
- nursing assistant/caregiver/lj
- graduate nurse
- graduate midwife

Providers of nursing and midwifery services in Slovenia may perform work in healthcare independently after completing a traineeship and passing a professional exam. Graduate nurses and graduate midwives are treated as an exception in Slovenia: they are required neither to complete a traineeship nor pass a professional exam in order to start working independently.

Entry in the relevant register or the acquisition of a licence is a precondition for working in healthcare in Slovenia, as is an adequate knowledge of the Slovenian language.

Special rules apply to the recognition of education and professional qualifications for providers of nursing and mid-

wifery services who have been educated and trained in countries of the former Yugoslavia or third countries. There are also special rules applying to entry in the register and the granting of licences.

The procedures for recognising education and professional qualifications, testing knowledge of the Slovenian language and making entries in the register or granting licences are explained below.

The information provided by the Chamber/Association is of a general and informative nature. If you require more precise information corresponding to your specific situation, you should contact the institution responsible for the procedure in question.



# STEP 1 –

## Acquisition of an opinion on education from the ENIC-NARIC Centre at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation

The applicant must first acquire an opinion on their education from the ENIC-NARIC Centre as part of the process of having their education evaluated. The opinion is submitted as part of the process of recognising professional qualifications conducted at the Ministry of Health.

**Competent authority:** ENIC-NARIC Centre

Website:



Application for an opinion from the ENIC-NARIC Centre:



The following should be enclosed with the application to have your education evaluated:

- **an original certificate for the education** you wish to have evaluated;
- **an uncertified copy of the education certificate** referred to in the above indent;
- **a court-certified translation into Slovenian of the education certificate** referred to in the first indent;
- **an uncertified copy of documentary evidence showing the content and duration of the education** and the academic requirements completed during the education (annex to the degree certificate, annual certificates of attainment, examination certificates or other documentary evidence);
- **a brief chronological description of the full course of the education** compiled and signed by the holder of the education certificate or their legal representative (the description should comprise a few sentences only and mention how your previous education progressed – which institutions you attended and for how long, any transfers, any accelerated advancement or repeated courses/years, student status extensions, etc. The description is meant to be for information purposes only, so there is no need to enclose any additional documentary evidence).

The ENIC-NARIC Centre may ask for additional documentary evidence if required during the procedure.

# STEP 2 –

## recognition of a professional qualification by the Ministry of Health

Competent authority: Ministry of Health

Website:



Medical technicians must obtain a decision from the Ministry of Health on an evaluation of their education or their commencement of a training period. Medical technicians must take a professional exam at the Ministry of Health.

Application for recognition:



Graduate nurses and graduate midwives must obtain a decision from the Ministry of Health recognising their professional qualification. If a professional qualification obtained abroad is deemed to be adequate, a graduate nurse or graduate midwife is not required to take a professional exam at the Ministry of Health.

To commence the procedure, the Ministry of Health checks that the applicant's knowledge of the Slovenian language is at least **basic level (A2–B1)**. The ministry checks that candidates for the professional exam at the ministry have knowledge of the Slovenian language at **CEFR level B2** when they apply to take the professional exam.

Medical technicians submit evidence of knowledge of the Slovenian language at **B2 CEFR** level when **applying to take the professional exam** at the Ministry of Health. Graduate nurses and midwives do so when they become employed.

## 2. A Recognition of traineeship and the professional exam

Medical technicians who completed a traineeship and a professional exam in a field of healthcare prior to 25 June 1991 in one of the countries of the former Yugoslavia shall have the professional exam recognised in Slovenia.

## 2. B Traineeship and professional exam for applicants without work experience

(also applies, where relevant, to graduate nurses and graduate midwives)

The applicant submits an application that must contain the following:

- evidence of completion of a study programme abroad;
- a record of the content and course of the study programme abroad that shows the duration and content of the study programme, and the number of hours per study programme subject;
- a curriculum vitae;
- evidence of knowledge of the Slovenian language (in order to start the procedure, evidence of knowledge of the language at basic level);
- an opinion on education from the ENIC-NARIC Centre.

Documentary evidence must be submitted in its original form or as a certified photocopy, and translated into Slovenian by a court-certified interpreter. The application is filed with the Ministry of Health.

## 2. C Traineeship and professional exam for applicants with work experience

(also applies, where relevant, to graduate nurses and graduate midwives)

For applicants who completed a traineeship and professional exam after 25 June 1991 in one of the countries of the former Yugoslavia and who can demonstrate at least five years' relevant work experience in the seven years prior to the submission of the application to the ministry.

Application form:



The applicant submits an application that must contain the following:

- evidence of completion of a study programme abroad;
- a record of the content and course of the study programme abroad that shows the duration and content of the study programme, and the number of hours per study programme subject;
- the traineeship programme completed abroad;
- evidence of completion of the professional exam;
- a curriculum vitae with a description of the applicant's work experience;
- a statement from the employer or employers that the worker pursued their healthcare profession independently with them for five of the last seven years prior to the submission of the application, with an indication and description of the work experience and the field of work;
- evidence of knowledge of the Slovenian language (in order to start the procedure, evidence of knowledge of the language at basic level);
- an opinion on education from the ENIC-NARIC Centre.

Documentary evidence must be submitted in its original form or as a certified photocopy, and translated into Slovenian by a court-certified interpreter. The application is filed with the Ministry of Health.

# STEP 3 –

## Slovenian language test

**Authority responsible for the Slovenian technical language test:** Chamber of Nursing and Midwifery of Slovenia – Association of Professional Societies of Nurses, Midwives and Medical Technicians (Chamber/Association) for **testing knowledge of Slovenian technical language for providers of nursing and midwifery services**

Website:



Language test application:



Authority responsible for the **general Slovenian language test** (e.g. the Centre for Slovene as a Second and Foreign Language at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana)

Website:



Medical technicians are required to demonstrate knowledge of the Slovenian language at **B2** level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, CEFR).

Knowledge of the Slovenian language at CEFR level C1 for oral communication and at CEFR level **B2** for **written communication** is required for graduate nurses and graduate midwives. An emergency law provided that, by way of exception and for a temporary period up to **31 December 2025**, knowledge of the Slovenian language at **CEFR level B2** was also required for graduate nurses and graduate midwives.

Knowledge of the Slovenian language is demonstrated by:

- evidence of completion of **at least secondary school** education in the Slovenian language in Slovenia;
- a certificate issued by the Chamber/Association on successful completion of a test of **Slovenian technical language** for healthcare workers in nursing and midwifery;
- evidence of the successful completion of a Slovenian language test from a public higher-education institution in Slovenia or abroad that teaches and administers examinations in the Slovenian language as a second or foreign language.

# STEP 4 –

## entry in the Register and granting of a licence

**Competent authority:** Chamber of Nursing and Midwifery of Slovenia – Association of Professional Societies of Nurses, Midwives and Medical Technicians

Website:



Application for entry in the register or for a licence:



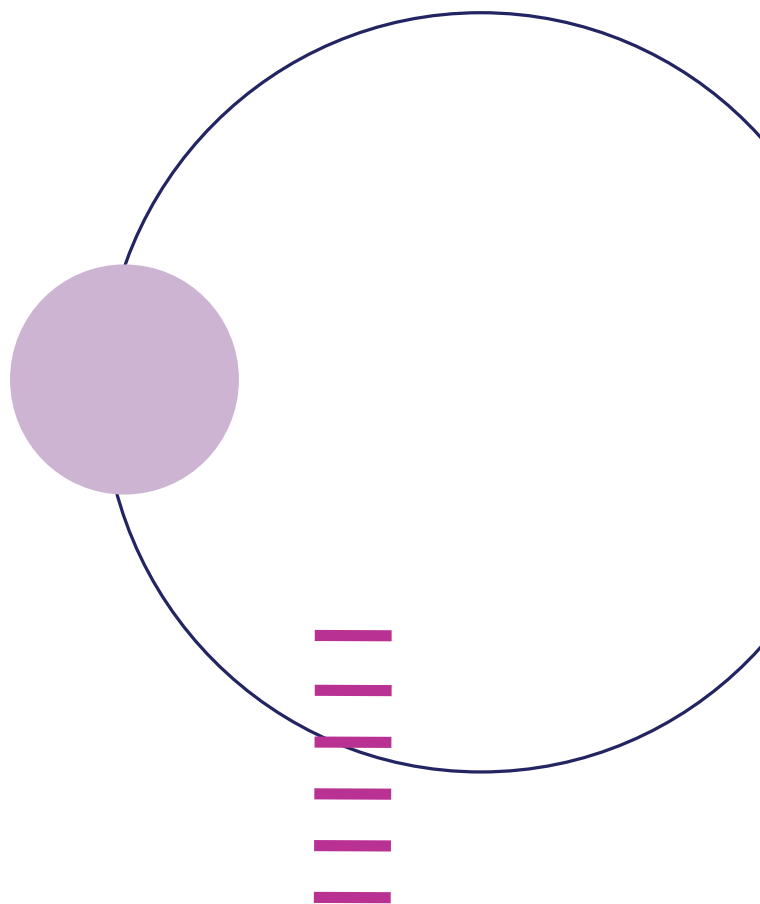
In order to be able to perform work independently, nursing assistants/caregivers and medical technicians must be entered in the register of providers of nursing and midwifery services (the register), while graduate nurses and graduate midwives must be entered in the register and have a valid licence to perform work independently.

An applicant who was educated in one of the countries of the former Yugoslavia files an application that must contain the following:

- evidence (a certificate) of the completion of education or evidence of a degree in nursing or midwifery from a higher professional college or university faculty;
- evidence of the completion of a professional examination in one of the countries of the former Yugoslavia;
- evidence of the completion of a professional examination at the Ministry of Health for medical technicians or a decision of the Ministry of Health recognising a professional qualification for a graduate nurse and graduate midwife;
- proof from a competent authority of the country in which the applicant obtained their qualification that the applicant has no criminal record, and proof of registration with the competent authority to the effect that the applicant is not undergoing disciplinary or other proceedings that could result in disqualification from performing a profession, or has not actually been disqualified from performing a profession, where neither item of proof may be more than three months old.



Supporting evidence must be sent as an **original** or as a **certified photocopy**. The applicant may certify **supporting evidence that has to be certified at any administrative unit** in Slovenia. Under the tariff of fees annexed to the Administrative Fees Act, the price of certifying a copy at an administrative unit is EUR 3. If the applicant files an application in person and the application contains original documents as enclosures, the Chamber/Association shall, after inspecting the original, confirm the authenticity of the copy by signing or stamping the copy.



# FIRST STEP

## to getting a job in Slovenia

If you wish to work in Slovenia, the first step is to **find an employer**.

The single residence and work permit allows third-country nationals to enter, stay, be employed and work in Slovenia. Third countries are all countries except for European Union Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

### Submitting an application for a single permit

An **application** for a single permit may be filed at:

- a **Slovenian diplomatic or consular office** in the applicant's home country or
- an administrative unit in Slovenia.

### Foreign nationals with a residence permit

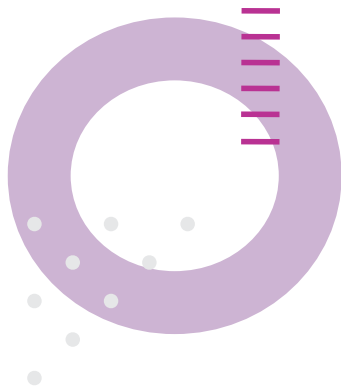
- Foreign nationals with a temporary residence permit not issued

for the purposes of employment, self-employment or work (i.e. issued on grounds of family reunification, study or on other grounds) may be employed on the basis of an information sheet.

- The **information sheet** is issued at a **regional office of the Employment Service** in accordance with the [Employment, Self-Employment and Work of Foreign Nationals Act](#) (ZZSDT, Article 33).

**NOTE: (approval and a work permit are not required in the cases referred to in point 20 of Article 5 of the ZZSDT)**

The provisions of the ZZSDT are not applied to foreign nationals who are employed by public-sector employers active in the field of healthcare, in public institutions that provide institutional care for adults, in special social service institutions for adults, in sheltered work centres and sheltered training institutions, in public institutions that provide social services of assistance to families at home and in public social security institutions that provide social security services.



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