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# **Swiss ENIC**

## Recognition of foreign higher education qualifications in Switzerland

## 1. Recognition for work purposes

### 1.1. Non-regulated professions

For work purposes the Swiss ENIC can issue recommendations of recognition for holders of foreign higher education qualifications which give access to non-regulated professions. This recommendation of recognition is not a recognition as such but a comparative grading which is not legally binding.

#### The following cannot be assessed

- Higher education qualifications giving access to regulated professions (see pages 3 and 4)
- unfinished studies / individual courses
- undergraduate qualifications of less than 3 years (fulltime) resp. less than 180 ECTS
- upper secondary school-leaving certificates
- further education courses and degrees
- language courses
- work experience

#### Assessment time

Not more than 2 months.

#### Fees

The processing of applications is free of charge, but the applicant will have to cover the costs for notarisations and translations.

#### Required documents

Please contact the Swiss ENIC [www.enic.ch](http://www.enic.ch)

- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union, Spain:  
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### 1.2. Regulated professions

#### Medical professions

- Physician
- Veterinary
- Dentist
- Pharmacist

#### Responsible authorities

- Recognition of foreign qualifications from EU states:  
Federal Office of Public Health BAG

[www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch) → Themen → Gesundheitsberufe → Anerkennungen Gesundheitsberufe → Medizinalberufe Diplome EU/EFTA

- Recognition of foreign qualifications from non-EU states:  
Cantonal Department of Public Health

### **Psychology**

Recognition of foreign qualifications:

Federal Office of Public Health BAG

[www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch) → Themen → Gesundheitsberufe → Anerkennungen Gesundheitsberufe → Hochschulabschluss Psychologie und Weiterbildungstitel Psychotherapie

### **Chiropractic**

Admission to the federal examination / recognition of foreign qualifications from EU/EFTA states:

Federal Office of Public Health BAG

[www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch) → Themen → Gesundheitsberufe → Anerkennungen Gesundheitsberufe → Medizinalberufe Diplome EU/EFTA → Anerkennung Diplome Chiropraktik

### **Osteopathy**

Admission to the intercantonal examination / recognition of foreign diplomas:

Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Health GDK/CDS

[www.gdk-cds.ch](http://www.gdk-cds.ch)

### **Paramedical health care professions**

- Dental hygienist
- Occupational therapist
- Nutritionist
- Midwife
- Medical radiology technician
- Medical laboratory technician
- Medical theatre technician
- Orthoptist
- Nursing staff
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Rescue team medical orderly

Recognition of foreign qualifications:

Swiss Red Cross

[www.redcross.ch](http://www.redcross.ch) → Für Sie da → Gesundheit/Integration → Anerkennung ausländischer Ausbildungsabschlüsse

### **Architect / civil engineer**

- Recognition of foreign qualifications:  
State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI  
[www.seri.admin.ch](http://www.seri.admin.ch) → Topics → Recognition of foreign qualifications
- Licence to work in the cantons where the professions are regulated (Fribourg, Genève, Luzern, Neuchâtel, Vaud, Ticino):  
Cantonal Department of Buildings and Transport
- Registration:  
Foundation of Swiss Registers REG  
[www.reg.ch](http://www.reg.ch)

### **Teaching professions**

- Pre-school level

- Primary school level
- Secondary school level I
- Secondary school level II
- Sports teacher
- Music teacher
- Special educator
- Speech therapist
- Psychomotility therapist

Recognition of foreign diplomas:

Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education EDK/CDIP

[www.edk.ch](http://www.edk.ch) → Arbeiten → Diplomanerkennung → Anerkennung von ausländischen Diplomen

#### **Vocational school teacher**

Recognition of foreign diplomas and licence to work in the individual cantons:

State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI

[www.seri.admin.ch](http://www.seri.admin.ch) → Topics → Recognition of foreign qualifications

#### **Social worker**

Authority responsible for the recognition of foreign diplomas:

State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI

[www.seri.admin.ch](http://www.seri.admin.ch) → Topics → Recognition of foreign qualifications

#### **Lawyer**

Authority responsible for the recognition of foreign diplomas from EU states:

Cantonal Court of Law

## **2. Admission to higher education institutions**

Holders of a foreign upper secondary school-leaving certificate or of a higher education diploma who wish to study at a Swiss university, university of applied sciences (UAS) or university of teacher education (UTE) must contact the higher education institution directly.

Information see [www.swissuniversities.ch/en/higher-education-area](http://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/higher-education-area)

→ Recognised Swiss Higher Education Institutions

→ Studying in Switzerland

The admission requirements of the Swiss higher education institutions are defined by the individual higher education institutions.

Information see [www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services](http://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services)

→ Admission to Universities

→ Admission to UTE (teacher training)

→ Admission to AUS (applied sciences)