

# FAQS

## REGISTRATION WITH THE ORDEM DOS MÉDICOS (PORTUGUESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)



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DOS MÉDICOS**

REGIÃO DO SUL





The request for registration with the Ordem dos Médicos (Portuguese Medical Association) must be made in the region where the doctor will reside in Portugal (North, Center or South).

## **1 | I AM A EU CITIZEN (CITIZEN OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND) AND I OBTAINED MY MEDICAL DEGREE IN THOSE TERRITORIES.**

### **What documents do I need to deliver?**

- Identity Card, Passport or Temporary Residence Permit;
- Legalized medical degree certificate issued accordingly to the appropriate EU legislation;
- Legalized criminal record issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months;
- VAT card (NIF);
- An original photograph, ID Card type
- Legalized evidence of good professional reputation issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months.

## **2 | I AM A EU CITIZEN AND I OBTAINED MY MEDICAL DEGREE OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND.**

### **What documents do I need to deliver?**

- Identity Card, Passport or Temporary Residence Permit;
- Specific recognition certificate of higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by Non-EU higher education institutions (obtained through Portuguese public universities - <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>)
- Legalized medical degree certificate;
- Legalized criminal record issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months
- VAT card (NIF);
- An original photograph, ID Card type;
- Legalized evidence of good professional reputation issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months.
- Curriculum vitae

## **3 | I AM A NON-EU CITIZEN AND I OBTAINED MY MEDICAL DEGREE OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND.**

### **What documents do I need to deliver?**

- Identity Card, Passport or Temporary Residence Permit;
- Specific recognition certificate of higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by Non-EU higher education institutions (obtained through Portuguese public universities - <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>)
- Legalized medical degree certificate;
- Legalized criminal record issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months;
- VAT card (NIF);
- An original photograph, ID Card type;
- Legalized evidence of good professional reputation issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months.
- Curriculum vitae.



## **4 | I AM A BRAZILIAN CITIZEN AND I OBTAINED MY MEDICAL DEGREE IN A COUNTRY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND.**

### **What documents do I need to deliver?**

- Identity Card, Passport or Temporary Residence Permit;
- Legalized medical degree certificate issued accordingly to the appropriate EU legislation;
- Legalized criminal record issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months;
- VAT card (NIF);
- An original photograph, ID Card type;
- Legalized evidence of good professional reputation issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months.
- Curriculum vitae.

*Directive no. 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications applies to Brazilian citizens under the Treaty for Friendship, Co-operation and Consultation between the Portuguese Republic and the Federal Republic of Brazil, so it is not necessary to deliver a specific recognition certificate.*

## **5 | I AM A NON-EU CITIZEN AND I OBTAINED MY MEDICAL DEGREE IN A COUNTRY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND.**

### **What documents do I need to submit?**

- Identity Card, Passport or Temporary Residence Permit;
- Automatic recognition certificate of higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by Non-EU higher education institutions (obtained through Public Higher Education Institutions or the Directorate-General for Higher Education - <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>);
- Legalized medical degree certificate;
- Legalized criminal record issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months;
- VAT card (NIF);
- An original photograph, ID Card type;
- Legalized evidence of good professional reputation issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months.
- Curriculum vitae.

## **6 | I AM A EU CITIZEN (CITIZEN OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND) AND I OBTAINED MY MEDICAL DEGREE OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND.**

### **IN THE MEANTIME, I SETTLED SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN A EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRY (EUROPEAN UNION / EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA / SWITZERLAND) AND OBTAINED MY EQUIVALENCE/RECOGNITION THERE.**

#### **What documents do I need to deliver?**

In the case of EU citizens who have graduated outside the European Union and whose non-EU diploma has been recognized by a European Union country, the Portuguese Medical Association may waive the specific recognition certificate, provided that it is delivered, cumulatively:

- a) Certificate of equivalence/recognition, issued by a competent Member State;
- b) Certificate issued by that Member State under the terms of Article 2, paragraph 2 and Article 3, paragraph 3 of Directive 2005/36/EC (attesting that the formal qualifications confirms training in accordance with Article 24 of Directive and is considered, by the issuing Member State, as the one whose name appears in point 5.1.1 of Annex V, and which attests to 3 years of practice in the country that recognized the formal qualifications).



In addition to this documentation, the following must be delivered:

- Identity Card, Passport or Temporary Residence Permit;
- Legalized medical degree certificate;
- Legalized criminal record issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months;
- VAT card (NIF);
- An original photograph, ID Card type;
- Legalized evidence of good professional reputation issued by the country(ies) where you have lived in the last two years, issued within the three previous months.
- Curriculum vitae.

## **7** WHAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD I LEGALIZE?

All documents issued by foreign entities shall be legalized by means of signatures being certified by a Portuguese consulate or diplomatic body which is competent in the issuing country or by means of apostil placed according to the October 5, 1961 Hague's Convention except if there is a rule exempting from such legalization.

Legalization must focus on the original document and not on formalities (translation or certified copies) that affect the document.

Legalization is waived if the document is:

- Received directly from the issuing entity (by email or post);
- Able to be validated online.

## **8** WHAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD I TRANSLATE?

Documents written in a foreign language, with the exception of those using English, French, or Spanish, must be accompanied by a duly certified or authenticated translation into Portuguese.

If the translation is certified/authenticated by a foreign entity, it must be legalized.

## **9** WHEN IS THE MEDICAL COMMUNICATION EXAM HELD?

The admission of candidates holding an academic degree obtained abroad (by a University whose teaching is not taught in Portuguese) is subject to proof of the linguistic competence necessary to exercise medical activity in Portugal.

Only after the linguistic competence has been proven, it will be possible for the candidate to submit the application for registration with the Portuguese Medical Association.

Thus, applications received by post, without being accompanied by prior proof of language competence, may not be submitted to the applicant.

Proof of language competence is carried out in one of the following ways:

- Approval in the medical communication test;
- Presentation of a certificate of proficiency in Portuguese (level B2), issued by a competent body, attesting to both passing a B2 level Portuguese language proficiency exam and passing a medical communication test;
- In the case of applicants with Portuguese nationality or from a country of the CPLP - Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries, it is necessary to submit the original (or certified copy) of the certificate of qualifications or declaration of educational establishment proving the completion of secondary education (or equivalent) in a Portuguese language teaching establishment.

## **10** WHAT ARE THE FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE QUOTAS AND FEES REGULATION?

**a) Registration with the Portuguese Medical Association, which must be paid the moment the doctor formalized the request:**

- Registration of a Doctor that is able to practice with autonomy, but doesn't have specialist medical training, including doctors from the EU or EEA - € 375.00;



- Registration of a Doctor whose training will be carried out through the medical internship (article 101.º no. 2 of the Statute of the Portuguese Medical Association) - € 213.00;
- Registration of a Doctor whose basic training/autonomy will be attributed by the Portuguese Medical Association under the terms of articles 101.º no. 1 and 103.º and following from EOM — € 385.00.

**b) Registration fee for the medical communication exam (when applicable) — € 300.00.**

## 11 | SHOULD I DELIVER A CRIMINAL RECORD CERTIFICATE AND EVIDENCE OF GOOD PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION FOR WHICH COUNTRY?

### Issued by the one of origin or the one of provenance?

I am a national of one country, but I have lived and worked in another country for years.

Should I deliver documents for which country?

The applicant must submit a criminal record certificate and evidence of good professional reputation (issued within the three previous months) for the country or countries where the applicant has resided for the last two years.

## 12 | HOW IS MY APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PROCESSED?

Before submitting the documentation, the applicant must complete and submit the application form available on the Southern Region website through the link <http://www.omsul.pt/tabid/232/default.aspx>.

Documentation can be delivered in person (upon request to schedule an in-person service via email [secretaria@omsul.pt](mailto:secretaria@omsul.pt)), through a proxy or by mail addressed to Av. Almirante Gago Coutinho, 151, 1749-084 Lisboa.

Meanwhile, with regard to the registration form, it is possible to:

- 1 - Sign it in person at the OM headquarters in Lisbon;
- 2 - Affix a qualified digital (electronic) signature.

The application process will be archived after 6 months when it is inactive at the end of that period.

The application process will only be finalized after being considered formally complete.

In addition to this information, we suggest consulting the Regulation for the Registration with Ordem dos Médicos (Portuguese Medical Association) and articles 98 and following of the Statute of the Portuguese Medical Association, through the link <https://www.omsul.pt/juridico/codigos-estatutos-e-regulamentos>.