Information sheet "Working in Switzerland"

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The essentials in brief:
Before being able to work as a physiotherapist in Switzerland, you have to apply to the Swiss Red Cross (SRK) to have your foreign qualifications recognised.
1. Employment as a physiotherapist in Switzerland

Are you interested in finding out about the procedure for obtaining a job as a physiotherapist in Switzerland? In general, we recommend that you search for a job in a language region in which you can communicate well (German/French/Italian).

2. Recognition of foreign qualifications and registration

Before being able to work as a physiotherapist in Switzerland, you have to apply to the Swiss Red Cross (SRK) to have your foreign qualifications recognised.

The Swiss Red Cross is also responsible for the registration of your qualifications.

If you have specific questions, please contact the Swiss Red Cross Department of Health and Integration Recognition of Qualifications Werkstrasse 18 3084 Wabern, Switzerland Tel. +41 (0) 58 400 44 84 (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 12 pm) https://www.redcross.ch/de/erkenntnus-foreign-qualifications

Further information is available on our website www.physioswiss.ch under the heading "Profession – Degree recognition – Recognition of foreign qualifications" (Profession – Diplomenerkennung – Anerkennung ausländischer Ausbildungsabschlüsse).

3. Job market

We recommend that you look at the job offers in the Course and Job Advertiser, which is issued as a supplement to the trade journal physioactive. You can obtain single issues of the Course and Job Advertiser from us for CHF 10.00 (CHF 12.00 abroad) or you can take out a subscription to physioactive for CHF 129.00 (CHF 159.00 abroad). You can, of course, also advertise your services yourself. Information in this regard is available on our website or directly at the office.

You can also view vacancies and/or advertise yourself on the online job market at www.physioswiss.ch. Information about this is available on our website www.physioswiss.ch under the heading "Job portal" (Stellenbörse).
4. Further information

The requirements that need to be fulfilled for a branch office and for employment in Switzerland vary according to nationality. The relevant information is available on the website of the State Secretariat for Migration:
https://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/de/home/themen/fza_schweiz-eu-efta/eu-efta_buerger_schweiz.html

You can obtain the addresses of hospitals from the address below:

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5. Membership of the association

Once your qualifications have been registered by the Swiss Red Cross, you can submit an online application to physioswiss.

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6. Further questions

If more questions arise, the physioswiss office will be happy to help you. Tel. +41 (0) 41 926 69 69 Email: info@physioswiss.ch

We wish you every success with your upcoming job search!