Recognition of foreign physiotherapy qualifications

In order to practise as a physiotherapist in Switzerland, qualifications gained abroad must be recognised by the Swiss Red Cross (SRC). A type B, C, Ci, G, F or L residence permit is required for full recognition. This guide sets out the procedure and contains the most important links to documentation and points of contact.

**Step 1: PreCheck**
- Indicates whether the qualification can be formally recognised
- The PreCheck is free of charge
- Access via www.precheck.ch (create a user account)

**Step 2: Recognition procedure**
- Complete the application form at www.precheck.ch and submit the required documents by post
- The submission deadline is one year from the date of the decision by PreCheck
- Document processing time at SRC is approx. 3 months
- Cost: up to CHF 1,000 (excl. legalisation costs, translation costs, etc.)

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1 The links in this document are in French. The links in German and Italian are available in the according documents.
**Step 3: Compensation measures**

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**Partial decision**

A partial decision informs applicants about required compensation measures. Following receipt of confirmation that the measures have been initiated from the SRC a provisional C number can be requested from **SASIS AG** (valid for 2 years).

**Positive decision**

- Confirmation of full recognition by SRC
- Automatic registration with **NAREG** (National Register of Healthcare Professions) → Cost: CHF 130
- A full C number can be requested from **SASIS AG**

All information is correct as at 28/02/2019 and may be subject to change.