

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 \(SRC\)](#)¹. 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)

Positive decision

Citizens of the EU/EFTA countries:

Proof of a B2 level of language proficiency during the recognition procedure

Citizens of further countries:

Proof of a B2 level of language proficiency PRIOR TO the recognition procedure

Negative decision

The recognition of the qualification is not possible

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. 4 months
- Cost: up to CHF 1,000 (excl. legalisation costs, translation costs, etc.)

Positive decision

Partial decision

¹ The links in this document are in French. The links in German and Italian are available in the according documents.

Positive decision

Full recognition is granted

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 temporal GLN number for "person in recognition process" can be requested from Refdata (valid for 2 years).

Step 3: Compensation measures

Option A: Adaptation period

- A supervised training at an employer of your choice followed by assessment
- Supervisor requirements according to SRC regulations

Option B: Further training

- A supervised training at an employer of your choice followed by assessment
- Supervisor requirements according to SRC regulations
- Further training in scientific work

Option C: Aptitude test

- Part 1: Written case study (writing and editing time: min. 16 weeks)
- Part 2: Oral exam (held twice a year: Mar/Apr & Oct/Nov)
- Coordinator: physioswiss
- Cost: CHF 4,350

Positive decision

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

All information is correct as at 20/03/2023 and may be subject to change.