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**Government Decree  
on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications**

In accordance with the decision of the Government, the following is enacted by virtue of sections 7(6) and 12(4) of the Act on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (1384/2015):

Section 1

*Appendices to the application*

Documents and evidence referred to in section 12(1) of the Act on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications (1384/2015) include:

- 1) proof of the applicant's nationality;
- 2) attestations of professional competence and evidence of formal qualifications that grant access to a profession;
- 3) for the part of automatically recognised professions, confirmation from the competent authority in the applicant's home Member State that the documents submitted are documents referred to in the Union legal provisions on recognition;
- 4) proof of professional experience;
- 5) proof of good character and repute or a document proving that the applicant has not been declared bankrupt;
- 6) proof of the applicant's physical or mental health;
- 7) proof of the applicant's financial standing and insurance coverage with regard to professional liability;
- 8) attestation confirming the absence of temporary or final suspensions from exercising the profession concerned;
- 9) attestation of knowledge, skills and competences acquired through lifelong learning formally validated to that end by a relevant body.

In addition, on the request of the authority responsible for the recognition of professional qualifications, the applicant may be required to provide information on his or her education and training as an appendix to the application, thus enabling the competent authority to determine the existence of potential substantial differences with the training required in Finland.

The authority responsible for the recognition of professional qualifications may require the applicant to include in his or her application a document referred to in paragraphs 5–7 of subsection 1 only if this document is also required from applicants who have acquired their professional qualifications in Finland. The attestations referred to in paragraphs 5–7 of subsection 1 above may not be older than three months at the time of their submission.

## Section 2

### *Adaptation period*

During the adaptation period the applicant shall pursue the profession under guidance and supervision.

A conditional decision on recognition of professional qualifications referred to in section 13(2) of the Act on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications shall determine the duration of the adaptation period and the duties and, where necessary, the qualifications required of the supervising practitioner. In addition, the conditional decision on recognition may determine other necessary conditions on the completion of the adaptation period and the assessment issued on it.

The supervising practitioner shall advise the authority responsible for recognising professional qualifications of any shortcomings that have come to light in the applicant's professional practice if the applicant's activities may seriously endanger the object of the activities. The authority responsible for the recognition of professional qualifications may then order that the adaptation period to be interrupted.

In proof of completion of the adaptation period, a certificate issued by the employer or the supervising practitioner shall be submitted, proving that the conditions set for the completion and assessment of the adaptation period specified in the conditional decision on recognition of professional qualifications have been fulfilled. Where necessary, the certificate shall also show the applicant's job title during the adaptation period in Finnish or in Swedish.

## Section 3

### *Aptitude test*

A conditional decision on the recognition of professional qualifications referred to in section 13(2) of the Act on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications shall specify the salient content of the aptitude test and the body organising the test. The body organising the aptitude test shall be legally competent to issue a certificate of completion of the education, training or qualification nationally required for access to the profession or position.

The aptitude test may also contain questions testing familiarity with good professional practice applied in Finland.

The determined aptitude test may also comprise units of a competence-based qualification referred to in the Vocational Adult Education Act (631/1998).

The body organising the aptitude test shall issue a certificate in proof of the applicant having passed the aptitude test acceptably.

## Section 4

### *Entry into force*

This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2016.

In Helsinki on 4 December 2015.

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