

CED AND ADEE CALL FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PQD

The CED and ADEE calls for full compliance with all provisions of Directive 2005/36/EC as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU (hereinafter PQD) to ensure patient safety, effective education and professional qualifications among dentists.

This Directive establishes the rules under which a host Member State recognises professional qualifications obtained in one or more other Member States and which allows the holder of such qualifications to pursue the same profession in the host Member State. It is applicable to all nationals of Member State.

The system of automatic recognition works on the basis of achievement of an agreed level of coordinated minimum training requirements. Basic dental training must be for **at least 5 years' study**, with the equivalent ECTS credits, and must consist of at least **5,000 hours** of full-time theoretical and practical training provided in a university or in a higher institute providing training recognised as being of an equivalent level or under the supervision of a university. That comprises, at least, the programme described in point 5.3.1 of Annex V (of the PQD). **This should guarantee that the person concerned has acquired commonly agreed knowledge and skills.**

Further to that, the **PQD lists the diplomas** from each Member State which serve as evidence of having completed minimum dental training. Each Member State must automatically recognise these diplomas and allow the holder to practise in that Member State. National legislators must ensure that the national law is in line with the objectives of PQD.

Failure to fulfil the minimum training requirements should result in refusing the automatic recognition and access to the profession. All Member States are obligated to ensure the conformity with this provision.

In 2012 in France, the so-called University Fernando Pessoa France was established and shortly thereafter was prohibited, as it did not fulfil the requirements, to use the title "university" in France. However, it then changed its name to CLESI (Centre Libre d'Enseignement Supérieur International). In 2016, it was judged illegal and instructed to cease its dental training. Subsequently, this order was confirmed by the French Supreme Court in a judgment of 6/12/2017ⁱ. The Court considers that the CLESI does not comply with the rules governing the agreement required by French law. Despite this, it is still open having only changed again its name into ESEM FRANCE (École Supérieure d'Études Médicales) and does not try to fulfil the conditions required to get the authorisation.

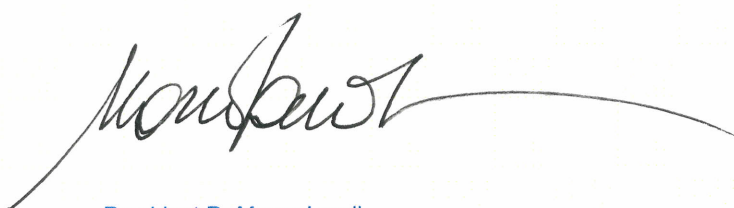
Diplomas listed in the PQD provide a guarantee of having completed minimum dental training. Knowing that some French students who attended the first 2 years of their dental studies in ESEM France got their diploma in Portuguese private faculties, **the CED and ADEE question if they meet minimum requirements expected of the PQD.**

Dental practice is based on an application of evidenced based knowledge and skills to human health, therefore, all judgments and professional decisions must be based on clearly defined competences obtained in a recognized university.


Due to the challenges posed by cross-border arranged Higher Education training programmes, which may be set in ways that enable the bypassing of member countries' accreditation and quality assessment processes, all Member States are obliged to ensure conformity with this provision in the interest of patient safety and public health.

The CED and ADEE stress the importance for Member States to ensure compliance with all obligations listed in the PQD to prevent illegal education practices and uncontrolled recognitions of non-formal or informal learning.

Graduating European dentists that are responsible for the safe and effective delivery of dental care, to expected European requirements is a priority for CED and ADEE in order to remain committed to the founding value of the mobility of Dentists within European Union. CED and ADEE urge the relevant EU bodies to strive towards the inclusion of competences with the planned updating of the PQD.



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