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*Ministry of Welfare*

**REGULATION**  
**on the education, rights and obligations of food scientists**  
**and criteria for granting of licences,**  
**No. 1085/2012.**

**SECTION I**  
**General provisions.**

Article 1

*Scope.*

This Regulation applies to food scientists licensed by the Medical Director of Health under Article 2.

**SECTION II**

**Licences.**

Article 2

*Professional title.*

The right to use the professional title of food scientist and to practise as such in Iceland is confined to those who have been granted a licence by the Medical Director of Health.

Article 3

*Criteria for granting of a licence.*

A licence under Article 2 may be granted to those who have completed a BS degree in food science from the Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Iceland's School of Health Sciences.

A licence may also be granted on the basis of education from a state within the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. Recognition of professional qualifications and competence of a food scientist who meets the criteria of Directive 2005/36/EC, on the recognition of professional qualifications, with subsequent amendments, is subject to Regulation on recognition of professional qualifications and competence of healthcare practitioners from other EEA states, No. 461/2011.

A licence may also be granted to those who have completed a comparable qualification from an educational institution in a state outside the EEA or Switzerland, which is recognised as such by Icelandic health authorities, and by health authorities in the country where the education took place.

An applicant for a licence as a food scientist under Article 2 who is from a country outside the EEA and Switzerland, with which Iceland has not made an agreement on recognition of professional qualifications and competence, shall submit *inter alia* documentary evidence of nationality, content and duration of education, in addition to an examination certificate, a licence if the profession is an authorised profession in the applicant's state of origin, intended employment in Iceland, and any other documents and certificates deemed by the Medical Director of Health to be necessary for the issue of a licence.

Before an application for a licence is evaluated, as applicable a certified copy must be submitted of an application for residence and work permits, together with a signed contract of employment.

A requirement may be made for knowledge of the Icelandic language and Icelandic healthcare and food legislation, and other legislation and government directives, as deemed necessary to the work of a food scientist, especially with regard to patients' safety and communication with patients.