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Ministry of Welfare

REGULATION
on the education, rights and obligations of biologists
in healthcare service and criteria for granting of licences,
No. 1220/2012.

SECTION I

General provisions.

Article 1

Scope.

This Regulation applies to biologists in healthcare service 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 biologist in healthcare service 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 science from a recognised educational institution at university level with the main emphasis on disciplines within the health sciences, cell and molecular biology, physics and chemistry, biophysics and biochemistry, genetics and biotechnology, microbiology and virology, immunology, transfusion medicine, histology, pathology, epidemiology, statistics and systems biology or other comparable fields, together with one year's clinical training in specialised laboratories of healthcare institutions; or hold a postgraduate qualification in a field 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 biologist in healthcare service who meets the criteria of Directive 2005/36/EC, on the recognition of professional qualifications, with subsequent amendments, is subject to Regulations 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 state where the education took place.

An applicant for a licence as a biologist in healthcare service under Article 2 who is from a state 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.