

## **The Right to practice Medicine/ Dentistry**

Dental/Medical Diploma does not confirm either that you are entitled to practice the dental/medical profession in Poland or that you have obtained the full qualifications to practice the dental/medical profession in Poland.

Obtaining diploma (with the degree of “*Lekarz Dentysta/Lekarz*”) confirms only that the dental/medical studies completed in Poland are compliant to the minimal requirements regarding the recognition of the professional qualifications presented in the art. 34 and 24 of the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

According to the Polish law, in order to obtain full qualifications leading to obtaining the right to practice the profession, a person with the Polish “*Lekarz Dentysta*” or “*Lekarz*” degree diploma has to complete *an obligatory post-graduate internship (staż podyplomowy)* that lasts 12 months (for DDS) or 18 months (for MD) and pass the National Dental/Medical Exam (LDEP/LEP).

In order to recognize the qualifications in another EU Member State and to be granted the full right to practice the profession of a dentist/doctor, each country may impose some additional requirements dependent on the regulations of appropriate Medical Chamber.

### More information:

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## **TERMS OF PERFORMING 'STAŻ' IN POLAND FOR PUMS GRADUATES:**

Every graduate of the 6 MD, 4 MD or 5 DDS program who wants to perform 'staż' in Poland has to obtain a limited medical license (*ograniczone prawo wykonywania zawodu*), submitting an application to the respectful regional medical council.

In order to obtain a limited medical license, a person awarded a Polish *lekarz* or *lekarz dentysta* degree diploma, has to fulfill the following requirements:

- present a statement saying that the person has full legal capacity
- present a note from a licensed physician that the person is in good health
- be of high moral and ethical standards (the regional medical council can request a note from Krajowy Rejestr Karny stating that the person has no criminal records)
- be fluent in spoken and written Polish.

In order to prove the fluency in Polish, the EU English language programs graduates need to present a written statement that their level of knowledge of the language is sufficient to perform an internship in Poland. Non-EU English language programs graduates need to sit an exam in Polish, held by the Polish Medical Council (Naczelna Rada Lekarska). The level of the language fluency expected of the applicants, and the

examination fee, is described in an act issued by the Ministry of Health.  
More information can be obtained at the Polish Medical Chamber (speak to Ms **Małgorzata Rachwalska**, tel. 022 559 13 32).

EU citizens in Poland perform '*staż*' according to the same regulations that apply to Polish citizens. Non-EU citizens in Poland perform '*staż*' according to the regulations which describe the terms of receiving education and doing research by foreigners in Poland (citizens of countries from outside EU), provided that they obtain a permission from the Polish Minister of Health. Non-EU citizens who have been granted permanent or long-term residence permit in Poland or in any EU country, or who have been given the refugee status, perform '*staż*' according to the same regulations that apply to Polish citizens.

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### **The State Examination of Medical Doctor (LEP) and The State Examination of Dental Doctor (LDEP) IN ENGLISH**

Starting from fall 2008 the State Examination of Medical Doctor (LEP) in English and the State Examination of Dental Doctor (LDEP) are **also offered in English**.

The State Examination of Medical Doctor (LEP) and the State Examination of Dental Doctor (LDEP) in English are governed by the same regulations as the LEP and LDEP examinations in Polish - Regulation of Minister of Health of 24 March 2004 (Journal of Laws No. 57, item 553 with amendments; amendment of 07 May 2008).

The State Examination of Medical Doctor (LEP) and the State Examination of Dental Doctor (LDEP) are held twice a year at the same time in 6 centers all over the country:

- **LEP** between 15 September – 30 September, and between 15 February – 28 February,
- **LDEP** between 15 September – 30 September, and between 01 February – 15 February.

Medical doctors and dental doctors that graduated from a Polish medical university and wish to take the State Examination of Medical Doctor (LEP) in English or the State Examination of Dental Doctor (LDEP) in a language other than Polish, should submit an application form (available at [www.cem.edu.pl/](http://www.cem.edu.pl/)) to the Director of **Centrum Egzaminów Medycznych w Łodzi**.

The application form should be filled out in Polish (an examinee just needs to choose the language in which she/ he would like to take the examination) and submitted until **31 May or 31 October**.

**Note:** An examinee should be a holder of a valid right to practice the profession of a physician or dentist in Poland.

People applying for examination are assigned to a particular place of examination based on the Regional Medical Chamber they belong to, according to the table attached below. In cases when the assigned place for certain reasons does not suit the applicant, this information should be included in the application form:

The place of examination	Regional Medical Chamber
<b>Gdańsk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gdańsk,</li> <li>• Olsztyn</li> <li>• Bydgoszcz</li> <li>• Toruń</li> </ul>
<b>Kraków</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kraków,</li> <li>• Katowice,</li> <li>• Tarnów</li> <li>• Bielsko-Biała</li> <li>• Częstochowa</li> <li>• Rzeszów</li> </ul>
<b>Łódź</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Łódź,</li> <li>• Kielce,</li> <li>• Wojskowa Izba Lekarska</li> </ul>
<b>Poznań</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poznań,</li> <li>• Gorzów Wielkopolski,</li> <li>• Zielona Góra</li> <li>• Szczecin</li> <li>• Koszalin</li> </ul>
<b>Warszawa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warszawa,</li> <li>• Płock</li> <li>• Lublin</li> <li>• Białystok</li> </ul>
<b>Wrocław</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrocław,</li> <li>• Opole</li> </ul>

For more information regarding LEP and LDEP please contact:

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