**Temporary and occasional provision of healthcare services in the Republic of Croatia on the basis of foreign professional qualifications**

A doctor **employed (established) in a member state of the European Union, or in a member state of the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation,** can temporarily or occasionally practise medical services in the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

A doctor intending to provide healthcare services on a temporary and occasional basis in the Republic of Croatia **shall accordingly inform the Croatian Medical Chamber** of such intention by sending the prescribed application form.

Based on the submitted application, the Croatian Medical Chamber will temporarily register i.e. enter the doctor in the Register of Doctors practising in the Republic of Croatia on a temporary and occasional basis, and the doctor will receive a **certificate** of practising medical services on a temporary and occasional basis i.e. a certificate of registration in the Register of Doctors.

**By being temporarily registered i.e. entered in the Register of Doctors, a doctor does not acquire or assume any member’s rights or obligations appertaining to the members of the Croatian Medical Chamber.**

In exceptional cases, disciplinary proceedings can be initiated against doctors practising their profession in the Republic of Croatia on the basis of temporary registration and held before the Chamber’s competent bodies, in line with the provisions of the Chamber’s regulations prescribing disciplinary liability and disciplinary proceedings.

The proceedings will be held in line with the:

* Act on the Regulated Professions and on the Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications (Official Gazette no. 82/2015),
* Croatian Medical Chamber’s Ordinance on the Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications (came into force on 5 May 2017, published on the Chamber’s official website www.hlk.hr).

The right to provide medical services and practise the medical profession on a temporary or occasional basis **shall not be granted** to a:

* doctor who has already begun practising the medical profession (already established) in the Republic of Croatia,
* doctor whose right to become established in a member state has been withdrawn, in line with the decision brought by the competent body of such member state of the European Union, European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation, or a doctor who has been prohibited, even temporarily, from practising the medical profession in that state.

The application for the provision of healthcare services on a temporary and occasional basis must be submitted **for every year** in which a doctor intends to temporarily or occasionally practise the medical profession in the Republic of Croatia.

**In order to initiate the procedure of obtaining the certificate for the temporary and occasional practising of the medical profession in the territory of the Republic of Croatia from the Croatian Medical Chamber, please:**

1. fill in the application form for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications.

***(Application form) (Instructions for filling in the application form)***

1. collect the necessary documents and enclose their originals or certified copies, or, if necessary, also certified translations of the documents into the Croatian language, with the application form. **Furthermore, an uncertified copy of each submitted document must be enclosed with the application form.**

***(Instructions for submitting the application for obtaining the certificate for temporary and occasional practising of the medical profession in the territory of the Republic of Croatia - first time application;***

***Instructions for submitting the application for obtaining the certificate for temporary and occasional practising of the medical profession in the territory of the Republic of Croatia - subsequent application)***

1. deliver the application to the Croatian Medical Chamber.

***(Instructions for delivering the application)***