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Ministry of Welfare

REGULATION **on the education, rights and obligations of licensed practical nurses** **and criteria for granting of licences,** **No. 511/2013.**

SECTION I

General provisions.

Article 1

Scope.

This Regulation applies to licensed practical nurses 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 licensed practical nurse and to practise as such in Iceland is confined to those who have been granted a licence by the Medical Director of Health.

A person other than a licensed practical nurse may not be appointed to specialised caring and nursing duties without previously advertising for licensed practical nurses. However, if licensed practical nurses have been advertised for in the previous six months a new position need not be advertised.

Article 3

Criteria for granting of a licence.

A licence under Article 2 may be granted to those who have completed licensed practical nursing education from a recognised educational body which operates on the basis of the national curriculum guide for upper secondary education.

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 licensed practical nurse 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, or to Nordic Convention on a common Nordic labour market for certain health professionals and veterinarians, No. 36/1993 (*cf.* Amendment No. 6/2001).

A licence may also be granted to those who have completed a comparable qualification from an educational institution in a country 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 licensed practical nurse 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 country 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.