

LAW ON THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS
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Chapter One.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) This law regulates the structure, organization and activities of the professional organisations of physicians and dentists, the conditions for practicing the medical and dental professions and the liability for breaching professional ethics.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) For the purposes of this law a professional organizations of physicians shall mean the Bulgarian Medical Association (BMA), and a professional organizations of dentists shall mean the Bulgarian Dental Association (BDA).

Art. 2. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association are legal entities with headquarters in Sofia.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association pursue their business through regional associations of BMA, respectively BDA.

Art. 3. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) All physicians and dentists, who practise their profession, shall be members of BMA, respectively BDA.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The membership of physicians and dentists, who do not practise their profession, shall be on a voluntary basis.

Art. 4. (Amended - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005, amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) In order to practise their profession in the Republic of Bulgaria physicians and dentists shall meet the requirements of chapter seven, section II of the Health Act and shall be listed in the register of the regional association, on the territory of which they settle to work.

Chapter Two.

FUNCTIONS

Art. 5. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. to represent their members and protect their professional rights and interests;

2. to represent their members as a party to the National Framework Agreement on compulsory health insurance;
3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to draft a Code of Professional Ethics of physicians and dentists respectively, and to supervise the compliance therewith;
4. (amended - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005) to adopt Rules of Good Medical Practice, to propose them for approval to the Minister of Health and to supervise the compliance therewith;
5. to impose the penalties provided for herein;
6. (supplemented - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) to establish and keep a national electronic register and regional records of their members;
7. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to participate in the organization and delivery of training courses for physicians and dentists;
8. to participate through representatives in the Supreme Medical Council under the Ministry of Health;
9. to give opinions on draft legislation in the area of healthcare;
10. to cooperate with other national and international organizations and institutions;
11. to assist their members and the families of their members as needed in accordance with the statutes of the organizations;
12. to carry out other activities as provided for in the statutes;
13. (New - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) to provide the Ministry of Health with the information under Art. 185, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Health Act.

Art. 6. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) For the purposes of performing their functions under art. 5 the general assembly of BMA and the congress of BDA shall adopt statutes of their organisations.

Chapter Three.

STRUCTURE

Section I.

Central Bodies

Art. 7. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005 , in force as from 01.01.2007 , previous Article. 7 - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The bodies of BMA and BDA at the national level shall be:

1. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the general assembly of BMA, respectively, the congress of BDA;
2. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the managing board of BMA, respectively the managing board of BDA;
3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007 on) the supervisory committee of BMA, respectively the supervisory committee of BDA;
4. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the professional ethics committee of BMA, respectively the professional ethics committee of BDA.

(2) (New - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The bodies referred to in para. 1 shall be elected for a term of office of three years.

Art. 8. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general assembly of BMA and the congress of BDA shall be composed of representatives of their regional associations.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The representatives referred to in para. 1 shall be elected by the general meetings of the regional associations with

basis of representation one delegate for every 75 members of BMA and one delegate for every 25 members of BDA.

(3) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007, amended - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The bodies referred to in para.1 shall convene at regular meetings every three years. The regular meetings shall be held not later than three months after the expiration of the term of office specified in art. 7, para. 2. The date, venue and agenda of the general assembly of BMA, respectively the congress of BDA, shall be determined by the managing board and shall be communicated to the relevant regional associations at the latest one month before the opening date thereof.

(4) (New - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The bodies referred to in para.1 may convene at extraordinary meetings.

(5) (New - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The procedure for convening and the rules of procedure and decision-making shall be set out in the statutes of BMA and BDA.

(6) (New - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) Where a general assembly of BMA, respectively a congress of BDA, failed to be convened within the time period specified in para. 3 and after the expiry of the terms of office under art. 7, para. 2, the general assembly of BMA, respectively, the congress of BDA for the election of the bodies set out in the law shall be convened by the Minister of Health within one month.

Art. 9. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general assembly of BMA, respectively, the congress of BDA shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. to adopt, supplement and amend the statute of the organisation;
2. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to adopt, supplement and amend the code of professional ethics of physicians, respectively the code of professional ethics of dentists, and to submit it to the Minister of Health for approval and promulgation in the State Gazette;
3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to elect and discharge the managing board, the supervisory committee and the professional ethics committee of BMA, respectively of BDA, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the statutes;
4. to elect and discharge the chairperson, the deputy chairpersons, the secretary general and the members of the managing board; the chairperson and the members of the supervisory committee; the chairperson and the members of the professional ethics committee;
5. to elect and discharge the representatives of the professional organization in the Supreme Medical Council under the Ministry of Health;
6. to approve the reports of the managing board, the supervisory committee and the professional ethics committee;
7. to determine the minimum amount of the membership fee and the amount of the deduction contributions to the bodies at the national levels;
8. to adopt the rules for the collection and spending of the organization's funds;
9. (repealed - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005)
10. to decide on any other matters pertaining to the organization.

Art. 10. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general assembly of BMA, respectively, the congress of BDA, shall be deemed validly convened if at least two-thirds of the elected representatives are in attendance.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general assembly of BMA, respectively the congress of BDA, shall adopt the statutes and codes of professional

ethics by a qualified majority of two-thirds, and all other decisions – by a simple majority of the attending delegates.

Art. 11. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007, previous Art. 11 - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be composed of a chairperson, a deputy chairpersons, a secretary general and members. The number of deputy chairpersons and members shall be set out in the statutes of the organizations.

(2) (New - SG, issue No 102 of 2008, in force as from 28.11.2008) The powers of the managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall terminate upon the expiration of the term of office of the body, which elected them. The managing board shall continue to perform its functions until a new managing board is elected, but no longer than 4 months.

Art. 12. The managing board shall convene at regular sessions at least once every 3 months.

Art. 13. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The managing board of BMA, respectively the managing board of BDA shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. to convene general assembly, respectively congress meetings;
2. to manage the assets of the organization;
3. (amended and supplemented - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) to establish and keep the national register of its members under Art. 5, paragraph 6 and to publish in the State Gazette a list of persons registered to practise the profession; the list shall be updated on an annual basis;
4. to ensure the protection of the data in the register against unauthorized access;
5. to manage the activities of the associations related to the performance of their functions;
6. (New - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) to provide the Ministry of Health with the information under Art. 185, para. 3 and 4 of the Health Act.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The managing board of BMA, respectively the managing board of BDA, shall designate their representatives - 7 for BMA and 3 for BDA - to participate in the drafting and signing of the National Framework Agreement on compulsory health insurance.

Art. 14. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The chairperson of the managing board of BMA, respectively the chairperson of the managing board of BDA, shall organize and manage the work of the managing board and shall represent it.

(2) The deputy chairpersons shall assist the chairperson in his work and shall substitute him in his absence.

(3) The secretary general of the managing board shall have the following responsibilities:

1. to manage the activities related to the immediate implementation of the decisions of the managing board;
2. to organize the meetings of the managing board;
3. to organize the activities related to the technical and administrative support of the overall activity of the managing board.

Art. 15. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The supervisory committee of BMA, respectively BDA, shall be composed of a chairperson and members. The number of members shall be set out in the statutes of the organisations.

(2) The committee referred to in para.1 shall have the following responsibilities:

1. to supervise the compliance with the law and the statutes of the decisions taken by the managing board and their implementation;
 2. to review the reports under art. 27, para. 1, item 3 and take decisions with respect to them;
 3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to present to the general assembly of BMA, respectively to the congress of BDA, a report on its activities and proposals to discharge or not discharge members of the managing board.
- (3) The meetings of the committee referred to in para.1 shall be closed. The chairperson and the members may attend the meetings of the managing board.

Art. 16. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The professional ethics committee of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be composed of a chairperson and members. The number of the members shall be set out in the statutes of the organisations.

(2) (New - SG, issue No 105 of 2006, in force as from 01.01.2007) The committee referred to in para.1 shall have the following responsibilities:

1. to monitor the compliance with the rules of good medical practice;
2. to decide on professional medical, moral and ethical and deontological matters related to the practice of the profession;
3. to take decisions at the request of the professional ethics committees of the regional associations of BMA, respectively BDA;
4. provide methodological assistance to the professional ethics committees of the regional associations of BMA, respectively of BDA.

(3) (Previous para. 2, amended - SG, issue No 105 of 2006, in force as from 01.01.2007) The meetings of the committee referred to in para.1 shall be closed.

Art. 17. (1) Persons working under an employment contract and elected to the body referred to in art. 7, item 2, shall be entitled to a paid leave of absence in accordance with art. 161 of the Labour Code of up to 30 working days per calendar year, and those elected to the bodies under Art. 7, item 3 and 4 - up to 15 working days.

(2) The leave of absence under para.1 shall be paid in accordance with Art. 177 of the Labour Code.

(3) The persons under para. 1 shall inform in due time and in writing the employer of the time period of the leave of absence.

(4) The leave of absence under para.1 may not be compensated with a monetary compensation, may not be added to the paid annual leave and may not be carried forward to the following calendar year.

(5) For the purposes of reporting the leaves of absence under para.1 the employer shall keep a special ledger.

Section II.

Regional bodies, regional association of physicians, regional association of dentists (Title amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007)

Art. 18. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The regional associations of BMA and the regional associations of BDA are legal entities with headquarters and area of competence as per the Annex.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The regional association shall be composed of the physicians, respectively dentists, listed in its register.

Art. 19. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The bodies of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be:

1. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the general meeting of physicians, respectively the general meeting of dentists;
2. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the managing boards of the regional associations of BMA, respectively the managing boards of the regional associations of BDA;
3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the supervisory committees of the regional associations of BMA, the supervisory committees of the regional associations of BDA;
4. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) the professional ethics committees of the regional associations of BMA, respectively the professional ethics committees of the regional associations of BDA.

Art. 20. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general meeting of a regional association of physicians, respectively the general meeting of a regional association of dentists, shall be made up of delegates, with basis of representation one delegate for every ten members for BMA and one delegate for every three members for BDA. (2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general assembly shall meet in ordinary sessions once a year and in extraordinary sessions. The procedure for convening the meetings and the rules of procedure and decision-making shall be set out in the statutes of the regional associations of BMA, respectively the regional associations of BDA.

Art. 21. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The general meeting of the regional association of physicians, respectively the general meeting of the regional association of dentists, shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. to adopt a statute and rules of procedure of the bodies of the regional association;
2. to approve the budget of the regional association and the staffing of the secretariat;
3. to elect and discharge the chairpersons and the members of the managing boards, the supervisory committee and the professional ethics committee of the regional association and to set their terms of office;
4. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to elect delegates to the general assembly of BMA, respectively the congress of BDA;
5. to approve the reports on the activities of the bodies referred to in item 3 of the regional association and to take decisions thereon;
6. to adopt the rules for the collection and spending of the funds of the regional association;
7. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to take decisions on any other matters pertaining to the activities of the regional association in accordance with the current national laws and regulations, the statutes of BMA and BDA respectively and their statute.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The statute under para.1, item 1 may not conflict with the statute of BMA, respectively with the statute of BDA.

Art. 22. (1) The general assembly of the regional association shall be deemed validly convened if two-thirds of the elected delegates are in attendance. The statute shall be adopted by a qualified majority of two thirds of the elected delegates, and all other decisions – by a simple majority of the attending delegates.

(2) In the absence of a quorum, the meeting shall be postponed for an hour and shall be then held with the attending members, who may not be less than half the delegates to the general assembly.

Art. 23. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be composed of a chairperson, deputy chairpersons, a secretary and members. The number of deputy chairpersons and members and the rules of procedure and decision-making shall be defined in the statutes.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The managing boards of the regional associations of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall convene at regular meetings at least once every 3 months and at extraordinary meetings.

Art. 24. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. to manage the work of the regional association in accordance with the decisions of the general assembly and the statutes;
2. (supplemented - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) to organize and manage the register of the regional association under art. 5, item 6;
3. to ensure the protection of the data in the register against unauthorized access;
4. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to send a list of its members to the managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, and to keep it updated;
5. prepare a draft budget and manage the assets of the regional association;
6. to convene general meetings of the regional association;
7. to ensure the protection of the professional rights and dignity of the members of the regional association;
8. to enter in the register of the regional association any penalties imposed on members pursuant to this law;
9. to performs other functions assigned to it by the general assembly;
10. (repealed - SG, issue No 101 of 2009, in force as from 01.01.2010)

Art. 25. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The chairperson of the managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be responsible for organizing and managing its work and shall represent it.

(2) The deputy chairperson shall assist the chairperson in his activities and shall substitute him in his absence.

(3) The secretary shall:

1. manage the activities related to the immediate implementation of the decisions of the managing board;
2. organize the activities related to the technical and administrative support of the overall activity of the managing board.

Art. 26. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The supervisory committee of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be composed of a chairperson and members.

(2) The number of members, the rules of procedure and the organization of the committees shall be set out in the statutes of the regional associations.

Art. 27. (1) The committees referred to in Art. 26, para. 1 shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. to supervise the compliance with the law and the statutes of the decisions taken by the Regional managing board and their implementation;

2. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to present to the general meeting of the Regional Association of BMA, respectively to the congress of BDA, a report on its activities and proposals to discharge or not discharge members of the managing board.

3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) in the event of a violation of the law, the statutes or decisions of the general meeting to prepare a report within two weeks and to submit it to the managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, or to convene a general meeting of the regional association.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The chairperson and the members of the committees under para. 1 may attend the meetings of the managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA.

Art. 28. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The professional ethics committee of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be composed of a chairperson and members. The number of the members shall be set out in the statutes of the organisations.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) To work of the commission referred to in para. 1 shall be governed by the statutes of the regional association, by rules of procedure and the code of professional ethics of BMA, respectively of BDA.

(3) The commission referred to in para. 1 shall have the following powers:

1. to monitor the compliance with the professional medical, moral and ethical and deontological matters related to the practice of the profession;

2. (supplemented - SG, issue No 105 of 2006, in force as from 01.01.2007) to review complaints or to examine the matters referred to in item 1 on its own initiative;

3. (amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) to perform other functions assigned to it by the general assembly of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA;

4. to issue notices of violation and recommendations for their elimination.

Art. 29. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The meetings of the professional ethics committee and the supervisory committee of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be closed.

Art. 30. (1) Persons working under an employment contract and elected to the bodies referred to in art. 19, items 2 and 3, shall be entitled to a paid leave of absence in accordance with art. 161 of the Labour Code of up to 15 working days per calendar year, and those elected to the body under Art. 19, item 4 - up to 30 working days.

(2) The leave of absence under para.1 shall be paid in accordance with Art. 177 of the Labour Code.

(3) The persons under para. 1 shall inform in due time and in writing the employer of the time period of the leave of absence.

(4) The leave of absence under para.1 may not be compensated with a monetary compensation, may not be added to the paid annual leave and may not be carried forward to the following calendar year.

(5) For the purposes of reporting the leaves of absence under para.1 the employer shall keep a special ledger.

Art. 31. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) Persons convicted of an intentional crime of general nature may not be elected to or hold electable positions in the managing board, the supervisory committee, the professional ethics committee of BMA, respectively of BDA , or to the bodies of their regional associations:

(2) A person may not be a member of more than one of the following electable bodies:

1. managing board;
2. supervisory committee;
3. professional ethics committee.

Chapter Four.

MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Section I.

Membership

Art. 32. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) BMA and BDA membership takes effect upon listing in the register of the regional association of BMA, respectively of the regional association of BDA.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The listing shall be made further to an application by the physician or the dentist. The application shall state the full name, personal ID number, place of birth, person's nationality, residence address and the work address.

(3) The application shall be accompanied by:

1. a diploma of higher education;
2. (amended - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005, repealed - SG, issue No 85 of 2005, in force as from 25.10.2005)
3. (amended - SG, issue No 101 of 2010) a diploma of medical specialty or a scientific degree - if any;
4. proof of place of work and length of service of the person;
5. for renewal of membership - an excerpt from the register for penalties;
6. (amended - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005, amended - SG, issue No 85 of 2005, in force as from 25.10.2005) for foreign nationals – a permit for long-term residence and work in the country;
7. a certificate of no conviction.

(4) (New - SG, issue No 59 of 2006, in force as from 01.01.2007, amended - SG, issue No 75 of 2006, amended - SG, issue No 13 of 2008 in force as from 08.02.2008) Physicians and dentists who are nationals of a EU Member State, other countries of the European Economic Area and Switzerland shall enclose to their application for registration a certificate of recognition of professional qualification in a medical profession and a certificate of recognition of specialisation, if any, issued by the Minister Health pursuant to the Law on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications.

(5) (New - SG, issue No 75 of 2006, repealed - SG, issue No 13 of 2008, in force as from 08.02.2008)

Art. 33. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005, amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall verify that the requirements of chapter seven, section II of the Health Act regarding the listing of the physician or dentist in the register of the regional association have been met.

(2) If the person meets the requirements the listing shall be made within 14 days of the filing of the documents under Art. 32.

(3) (New - SG, issue No 13 of 2008, in force as from 08.02.2008) The listing in the register under Art. 32, para. 1 in the cases referred to in art. 17 of the Law on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications shall be made ex officio upon receipt of the notice from the recognition authority.

(4) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007, previous para. 3 - SG, issue No 13 of 2008 , in force as from 08.02.2008) The managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall issue a certificate for the listing within the time limit set out in para. 2.

(5) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007, previous para.4 - SG, issue No 13 of 2008, in force as from 08.02.2008) The listing in the register of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, may be refused if:

1. the requirements of Art. 32, paragraphs 2 and 3 are not met;
2. the person has been delisted from the register of another regional association - for the duration of the penalty.

(6) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007, previous para. 5 - SG, issue No 13 of 2008, in force as from 08.02.2008) A refusal to list a person in the register may be appealed within 7 days of receipt of the notification before the managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, which shall decide on the matter within one month of the appeal.

(7) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007, amended - SG, issue No 30 of 2006, in force as from 12.07.2006, previous para. 6 - SG, issue No 13 of 2008, in force as from 08.02.2008, amended - SG, issue No 39 of 2011) The decisions of the managing board of BMA, respectively BDA, shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the Code of Administrative Procedure.

Art. 34. (1) (Amended - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) The following records shall be made in the registers under art. 5, item 6:

1. full name and personal identification number, place of birth and citizenship;
2. address and place of work;
3. higher medical education - the number and date of the diploma;
4. specialty - number and date of the diploma;
5. (amended - SG, issue No 101 of 2010) scientific degree - number and date of the diploma;
6. penalties imposed pursuant to this Law;
7. other circumstances.

(2) (Supplemented - SG, issue No 98 of 2010 , in force as from 01.01.2011) The persons listed in the register of the regional association shall be required to announce for registration any changes of the circumstances under par. 1, items 2 , 4 and 5 within 10 days of the occurrence of the change.

(3) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005 , in force as from 01.01.2007 , amended - SG, issue No 98 of 2010 , in force as from 01.01.2011) The regional associations of BMA, respectively BDA, shall notify the managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, of all circumstances and changes entered in the register under par. 2 within 10 days.

(4) (New - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 01.01.2011) The managing board of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall enter the changes under par. 3 in the national register within 10 days of notification by the regional association.

Section II.

Rights and obligations

Art. 35. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The members of BMA, respectively BDA shall be entitled:

1. to vote and be elected to bodies of the associations and the regional associations. Ministers, deputy ministers, secretaries general of ministries, directors of health institutions may not be elected to these bodies;
2. to benefit from the assistance of the association in disputes relating to the practice of the profession, and in the event of an unlawful refusal on the part of the regional health insurance fund to enter into a contract with them, if they are eligible;

3. to financial aid in the event of withdrawal from work, disability, and their families in case of their death under the Statute;
4. to be informed of all matters of the association;
5. to benefit from the assistance of the association for their professional development;
6. to access their personal data in the register.

Art. 36. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The members of BMA, respectively BDA, shall:

1. practise their profession in accordance with the code of professional ethics;
2. comply with the rules of good medical practice;
3. comply with the statute;
4. notify the managing board of their regional association of any changes relating to the practice of the profession.

Art. 36a. (New - SG, issue No 75 of 2006, amended - SG, issue No 98 of 2010, in force as from 14.12.2010) The citizens of EU Member States and of the European Economic Area, who deliver medical care services in accordance with the terms and conditions of part II of the Law on Recognition of Professional Qualifications, shall comply with the professional, statutory and administrative rules of professional conduct, including the code of professional ethics and the rules of good medical practice.

Chapter Five.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Art. 37. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) Physicians and dentists shall be liable for the following violations committed in the performance of their professional duties:

1. failure to comply with the rules laid down in the codes of professional ethics;
2. failure to comply with the rules of good medical practice.

Art. 38. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The following penalties may be imposed to physician, respectively dentist, for violations referred to in Art. 37:

1. reprimand;
2. (supplemented - SG, issue No 105 of 2006, in force as from 01.01.2007) fine equal to one to five minimum wages - for violations under Art. 37, item 1, or respectively equal to five to ten minimum wages - for violations under Art. 37, item 2;
3. (amended - SG, issue No 105 of 2006, in force as from 01.01.2007) delisting from the register of the regional association for a period of 3 months to one year - for violations under Art. 37, item 1, respectively, for a period of 6 months to two years - for violations under Art. 37, item 2.

Art. 39. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The professional ethics committees of the regional associations of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be responsible for reviewing complaints of violations under Art. 37.

Art. 40. (1) The violations under art. 37 shall be established with an act of violation.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) Each member of the professional ethics committee of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA, shall be entitled to issue acts under para. 1.

(3) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The penal decrees shall be issued by the chairperson of the managing board of the regional association of BMA, respectively of BDA.

(4) A copy of the penalty decree shall be sent to the head of the medical establishment, in which the punished person works, and to the director of the Regional Health Insurance Fund.

Art. 41. (1) The issuance of the acts, the issuance and appeal of the penalty decrees hereunder shall be in accordance with the Administrative Violations and Sanctions Act.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The amounts of the fines shall be credited as revenue to the regional association of BMA, respectively BDA.

Art. 42. (1) The imposition of the sanctions under Art. 37 does not preclude any criminal, civil or disciplinary action under the Labour Code.

(2) Where in handling complaints the bodies under art. 16 and 39 reveal evidence of other violations than those specified in Art. 37, they shall alert the competent authorities so that the violators are held accountable.

Art. 43. (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) Persons, who have access to information from register of physicians or dentists by virtue of their official duties, shall not disclose such information to third parties, except as required by law.

Transitional and Final Provisions

§ 1. The Council of Ministers, the regional governors and the municipalities shall, by 1 January 1999, make available to BMA, respectively to BDA, and the regional associations of physicians and dentists, premises – either state or municipal property, necessary to carry out their activities.

§ 2. Within two months of the entry into force of this law the regional health centres, together with the existing regional associations of the Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association, shall draft a lists with the names, personal identification number, specialty, address and place of work of the physicians, respectively the dentists, who practise their profession within the respective region.

§ 3. Within three months of the expiry of the term under § 2 the existing regional associations of the Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association shall convene the first general meetings of physicians, respectively of dentists, based on the lists under § 2, for election of the bodies of the regional associations and of delegates to the general assembly of BMA, respectively to the congress of BDA.

§ 4. Within one month of the elections under § 3 all practising physicians and dentists shall apply for listing in the register of the appropriate regional association.

§ 5. Within the period set forth in § 4 the existing boards of the Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association shall convene an general assembly of BMA, respectively a congress of BDA , for election of the bodies referred to in Art. 7, items 2, 3 and 4.

§ 6. If within the periods set forth in the preceding paragraphs a general assembly of BMA, respectively a congress BDA, for election of the bodies of BMA and BDA hereunder fail to be convened, these shall be convened by the Minister of Health within one month.

§ 6a. (New - SG, issue No 70 of 2004, in force as from 01.01.2005) The Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian Dental Association shall draft and adopt Rules of Good Medical Practice and shall submit them for approval to the Minister of Health by 1 July 2005.

§ 7. Art. 330, para. 2 of the Labour Code (promulgated, SG, issue No 26 and 27 of 1986 ; amended and supplemented, issue No 6 of 1988 , issue No 21, 30 and 94, 1990 , issue No 27 , 32 and 104 of 1991 , issue No 23, 26 , 88 and 100 of 1992 , issue No 69 of 1995 - Decision No 12 of the Constitutional Court of 1995; amended issue No 87 of 1995, issues No 2, 12 and 28 of 1996, issue No 124 of 1997, issue No 22 of 1998, issue No 52 of 1998 - Decision No 11 of the Constitutional Court of 1998 and issue No 56 of 1998) is hereby amended as follows:

1. A new paragraph 3 is inserted:

"3. the employee is delisted from the registers of BMA or MDA pursuant to the Law on the Professional Organisations of Physicians and Dentists."

2. The previous items 3, 4 and 5 shall become items 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

§ 8. At the end of Art. 324, para. 2 of the Penal Code (promulgated, SG, issue No 26 of 1968, amended issue No 29 of 1968; amended and supplemented issue No 92 of 1969, issue No 26 and 27 of 1973, issue No 89 of 1974, issue No 95 of 1975, issue No 3 of 1977, issue No 54 of 1978 , issue No 89 of 1979, issue No 28 of 1982, amended issue No 31 of 1982; amended and supplemented issue No 44 of 1984, issue No 41 and 79 of 1985, amended issue No 80 of 1985; amended and supplemented issue No 89 of 1986; corr. issue No 90 of 1986; amended issues No 37, 91 and 99 of 1989, issues No 10 , 31 and 81 of 1990, issues No 1 and 86 of 1991; corr. issue No 90 of 1991; amended issue No 105 of 1991, issue No 54 of 1992, issue No 10 of 1993; amended and supplemented issue No 50 of 1995, issue No 97 of 1995 - Decision No 19 of the Constitutional Court of 1995; amended issue No 102 of 1995; issue No 107 of 1996, issues No 62 and 85 of 1997 and issue No 120 of 1997 - Decision No 19 of the Constitutional Court of 1997) the following second sentence is inserted: "The same penalty shall be imposed to the physician or dentist practicing in violation of the established procedure."

§ 9. (1) The Bulgarian Medical Association is the successor of the Bulgarian Medical Association, founded in 1901.

(2) (Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007) The Bulgarian Dental Association is the successor of the Bulgarian Dental Association of 1905.

The law was adopted by the XXXVIII National General assembly on 8 July 1998 and is sealed with the official seal of the National General assembly.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS
OF PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 76 OF 2005, IN FORCE AS FROM 01.01.2007 G.,
AMENDED - SG, ISSUE NO 31 OF 2007, IN FORCE AS FROM 13.04.2007)

§ 2. The terms "stomatological", "the stomatological", "stomatologist", "the stomatologist", "stomatologists", "the stomatologists", "Bulgarian Stomatological Association" and "the

Bulgarian Stomatological Association” shall be replaced with "dental", "the dental ", "dentist", "the dentist", "dentists", "the dentists", "Bulgarian Dental Association" and "the Bulgarian Dental Association” respectively.

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§ 14. (1) (Previous wording of § 14, amended - SG, issue No 31 of 2007, in force as from 13.04.2007) The individual and group dental practices, the dental and the medico-dental centres registered as business companies under the Commerce Act or cooperatives under the Cooperatives Act, shall bring their names in line with § 2 hereof and shall cause the change to be entered into the trade register, the BULSTAT register and the appropriate regional health register by 31 December 2007.

(2) (New - SG, issue No 31 of 2007, in force as from 13.04.2007) The individual dental practices not registered as business companies under the Commerce Act, shall bring their names in line with § 2 hereof and shall cause the change to be entered into the BULSTAT register and the appropriate regional health register within the deadline set forth in para. 1 above.

(3) (New - SG, issue No 31 of 2007, in force as from 13.04.2007) The entry of change of name of the practices and centres under para. 1 above in the trade register and the BULSTAT register shall be made as follows:

1. by 1 July 2007 - under the Commerce Act, the Cooperatives Act and the BULSTAT Act;
2. from 1 July 2007 - under the Trade Register Act.

(4) (New - SG, issue No 31 of 2007, in force as from 13.04.2007) The registration of the changes under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be exempt from state charges.

§ 15. The law shall enter in force on 1 January 2007.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE HEALTH ACT

(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 85 OF 2005, IN FORCE AS FROM 25.10.2005)

§ 22. The law shall enter in force as from the day of promulgation thereof in the State Gazette except for § 2 and § 18 item 1 on the deletion of the words "or "specialist ", which shall enter into force on 1 September 2006.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 30 OF 2006, IN FORCE AS FROM 12.07.2006)

§ 142. The code shall enter into force three months after its promulgation in the State Gazette except for:

1. title III , § 2, items 1 and 2, item 2 - on the repeal of chapter III , section II " Appeal in court", § 9 , items 1 and 2 , § 11 , items 1 and 2 , § 15 , § 44, items 1 and 2 , § 51 , item 1 , § 53, item 1 , § 61 , item 1 , § 66 , item 3 , § 76 , items 1-3 , § 78 , § 79 , § 83 , item 1 , § 84, items 1 and 2 , § 89 , section 1-4 , § 101 , item 1 , § 102 , item 1 , § 107 , § 117, items 1 and 2 , § 125 , § 128 , items 1 and 2 , § 132 , item 2 and § 136, item 1 and § 34 , § 35 , item 2 , § 43 , item 2 , § 62 , item 1 , § 66, items 2 and 4 , § 97 , item 2 and § 125, item 1 – on the replacement of the word "county " with "administrative" and replacing the words "the Sofia city Court "with "the Sofia City Administrative Court , which shall enter into force on 1 March 2007 ;
2. paragraph 120, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2007;

3. paragraph 3, which shall enter into force on the date of promulgation of the code in the State Gazette.

Final provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE HEALTH ACT
(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 59 OF 2006, IN FORCE AS FROM 01.01.2007 G.)

§ 21. The law shall enter into force on 1 January 2007, with the exception of § 4, 5 and 14, which shall enter into force as from the day of promulgation of the law in the State Gazette.

Final provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS
OF PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS
(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 105 OF 2006, IN FORCE AS FROM 01.01.2007)

§ 5. The law shall enter into force on 1 January 2007.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW ON MEDICINAL PRODUCTS IN HUMAN MEDICINE
(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 31 OF 2007, IN FORCE AS FROM 13.04.2007)

§ 37. The law shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette, with the exception of § 22, which shall enter into force one year after the entry into force of this law.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW ON RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 13 OF 2008, IN FORCE AS FROM 08.02.2008)

§ 15. (1) Regulations and other statutory instruments on the application of the law shall be issued within one month of its entry into force.

(2) Pending the entry into force of the instruments referred to in para. 1 on the application of the provisions repealed by § 6, 7,8,9,10,11 and 12 shall apply, provided that they do not contradict it.

§ 16. The law shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF
PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS
(PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 102 OF 2008, IN FORCE AS FROM 28.11.2008)

§ 4. (1) By 21 December 2008 the managing board of BMA, whose terms of office expired on 28 April 2008, shall convene and hold a general assembly of BMA for reporting the activities of the bodies under Art. 7, para. 1, items 2, 3 and 4 and for election of new bodies.

(2) If within the deadline set forth in para. 1 above the managing board fails to convene a general assembly of BMA, the general assembly shall be convened by the Minister of Health within one month of the expiry of the deadline set forth in para. 1 above.

§ 5. The law shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT (PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 101 OF 2009, IN FORCE AS FROM 18.12.2009)

§ 77. The act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for:

1. paragraphs 4, 5, 10 (regarding Art. 15 para. 1, item 2), 26, 27 (item 1 "b" , items 2, 4, 5 and 6) , 28, 29 , 30, 33, 34 , 35, 37, 38 , 39, 40, 41, 42, 44 , 45, 46, 47 , 48, 49, 50 , 51, 52, 53 , 56, 57, 58 , 59, 60 , 61, 62, 64 (item 2), 69, 72 (items 3, 4 , 5, 6, 7 and 8), 73 and 75, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2010;
2. paragraphs 25 and 27, item 1 "a", which shall enter into force on 2 January 2010;
3. paragraph 63, which shall enter into force on 1 February 2010;
4. paragraph 36 (regarding Art. 55c), which shall enter into force on 1 January 2011;
5. paragraphs 31 and 43 (item 1), which shall enter into force on 1 January 2012;
6. paragraph 27, item 3, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2013;
7. paragraph 29, item 1 "b", which shall enter into force on 1 January 2011.

Transitional and Final Provisions

TO THE LAW AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE HEALTH ACT (PROMULGATED - SG, ISSUE NO 98 OF 2010, IN FORCE AS FROM 01.01.2011)

§ 121. The law shall enter into force on 1 January 2011, except for:

1. paragraphs 1 , 16, 20, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 44, § 56, items 1 and 2, § 65, 68, 70, 76, 80, 81, 90, 92, 96, § 102 , items 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, § 105, items 1 , 3 and 5, § 107, items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 "a", items 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15 "a", § 109, 110, 112, 113, § 115, item 5, § 116, items 4 and 6, § 117, items 5 and 7 and § 118, item 1, which shall enter into force on the date of promulgation of the law in the State Gazette;
2. paragraph 102, items 1, 2 and 6, shall enter into force on 1 March 2011;
3. paragraphs 22, item 1 (regarding art. 36, para. 1, second sentence), § 37, § 48, item 2, § 51 and 59, which shall enter into force on who come in force as from 1 July 2011;
4. paragraph 107, item 15 "b", which shall enter into force on 30 September 2011

Annex to Art. 18, para. 1

(Amended - SG, issue No 76 of 2005, in force as from 01.01.2007)

Headquarters and regions of responsibility of the regional associations of physicians and dentists

1. Blagoevgrad: municipalities of Bansko, Belitza, Blagoevgrad, Gotse Delchev, Garmen, Kresna, Petrich, Razlog, Sandanski, Satovcha Simitly, Strumiani, Hadzhidimovo Yakorouda.
2. Burgas: municipalities of Aitos, Primorsko, Burgas, Kameno, Karnobat, Malko Tarnovo, Nessebar, Pomorie, Ruen, Sozopol, Sredets, Sungurlare, Tsarevo.
3. Varna: municipalities of Avren, Aksakovo, Beloslav, Byala, Varna, Vetrino, Vultchi Dol, Devnia, Dolni Chiflik, Dulgopol, Provadija, Suvorovo.
4. Veliko Tarnovo: municipalities of Veliko Tarnovo, Gorna Oryahovitsa, Elena, Zlatarica, Lyaskovets, Pavlikeni, Polski Trumbesh, Svishtov, Strazhitsa, Suhindol.
5. Vidin: municipalities of Belogradchik, Boynitsa, Bregovo, Vidin, Gramada, Dimovo, Kula, Makresh, Novo Selo, Rujintsi, Chuprene.

6. Vratsa: municipalities of Borovan, Byala Slatina, Vratsa, Knezha, Kozlodui, Krivodol, Mezdra, Mizia, Oriahovo, Roman, Hayredin.
7. Gabrovo: municipalities of Gabrovo, Drianovo, Sevlievo, Tryavna.
8. Dobrich: municipalities of Balchik, General Toshevo, Dobrich, Dobrich – selska, Kavarna, Krushari, Tervel, Shabla.
9. Kardzhali: municipalities of Ardino, Djebel, Ivaylovgrad, Kirkovo, Krumovgrad, Kardzhali, Momchilgrad, Chernoochene.
10. Kyustendil: municipalities of Bobov Dol, Boboshevo, Kocherinovo, Kyustendil, Nevestino, Rila, Sapareva Banya, Dupnitsa, Treklyano.
11. Lovech: municipalities of Apriltsi, Letnitsa, Lovech, Lukovit, Teteven, Troyan, Ugarchin, Yablanitsa.
12. Montana: municipalities of Berkovitsa, Boychinovtsi, Brusartsi, Valchedrum, Varshets, Georgi Damyanovo, Lom, Medkovets, Montana, Chiprovtsi, Yakimovo.
13. Pazardzhik: municipalities of Batak, Belovo, Bratsigovo, Velingrad, Lesichovo, Pazardzhik, Panagyurishte, Peshtera, Rakitovo, Septemvri, Strelcha.
14. Pernik: municipalities of Breznik, Zemen, Kovachevtsi, Pernik, Radomir, Trun.
15. Pleven: municipalities of Belene, Gulyantsi, Dolna Mitropoliya, Dolni Dubnik, Levski, Nikopol, Pelovo, Pleven, Pordim, Cherven Bryag.
16. Plovdiv: municipalities of Asenovgrad, Brezovo, Kaloyanovo, Karlovo, Lucky, Maritsa, Plovdiv, Parvomai, Rakovski, Rodopi, Sadovo, Saedinenie, Hissarya.
17. Razgrad: municipalities of Zavet, Isperih, Kubrat, Loznitsa, Razgrad, Samuil, Tsar Kaloyan.
18. Russe: municipalities of Borovo, Byala, Vetovo, Dve Mogili, Ivanovo, Russe, Slivo Pole, Tsenovo.
19. Silistra: municipalities of Alfatar, Glavnitsa, Dulovo, Kaynardzha, Silistra, Sitovo, Tutrakan.
20. Sliven: municipalities of Kotel, Nova Zagora, Sliven, Tvurditsa.
21. Smolyan: municipalities of Banite, Borino, Devin, Dospat, Zlatograd, Madan, Nedelino, Rudozem, Smolyan, Chepelare.
22. Sofia-Stolichna municipality: districts of Bankia, Vitosha, Vrubnitsa, Vazrazhdane, Izgrev, Ilinden, Iskar, Kremikovtsi, Krasna Polyana, Krasno Selo, Lozenets, Lyulin, Mladost, Nadezhda, Novi Iskar, Oborishte, Ovcha Kupel, Pancharevo, Poduyane, Serdika, Slatina, Sredets, Studentski, Triaditsa.
23. Sofia: municipalities of Anton, Bozhurishte, Botevgrad, Godech, Gorna Malina, Dolna Banya, Dragoman, Elin Pelin, Etropole, Ichtiman, Koprivshitsa, Kostenets, Kostinbrod, Mirkovo, Pravets, Samokov, Svoje, Slivnitsa, Zlatitsa, Pirdop, Chavdar, Chelopech.
24. Stara Zagora: municipalities of Bratya Daskalovi, Galabovo, Gurkovo, Kazanlak, Maglizh, Opan, Pavel Banya, Radnevo, Stara Zagora, Topolovgrad, Chirpan.
25. Targovishte: municipalities of Antonovo, Omurtag, Opaka, Popovo, Targovishte.
26. Haskovo: municipalities of Dimitrovgrad, Lyubimets, Madzharovo, Mineralni Bani, Svilengrad, Simeonovgrad, Stambolovo, Harmanli, Haskovo.
27. Shumen: municipalities of Veliki Preslav, Venets, Vurbitsa, Kaolinovo, Kaspichan, Nikola Kozlevo, Novi Pazar, Smyadovo, Hitrino, Shumen.
28. Yambol: municipalities of Boliarovo, Elhovo, Straldzha, Tundzha, Yambol.

Relevant EU legislation

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 93/16/EEC of 5 April 1993 to facilitate the free movement of physicians and the mutual recognition of their diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 85/432/EEC of 16 September 1985 concerning the coordination of provisions laid down by Law, Regulation or Administrative Action in respect of certain activities in the field of pharmacy

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 80/155/EEC of 21 January 1980 concerning the coordination of provisions laid down by Law, Regulation or Administrative Action relating to the taking up and pursuit of the activities of midwives

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 78/687/EEC of 25 July 1978 concerning the coordination of provisions laid down by Law, Regulation or Administrative Action in respect of the activities of dental practitioners

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 78/686/EEC of 25 July 1978 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of the formal qualifications of practitioners of dentistry, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment and freedom to provide services

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 77/453/EEC of 27 June 1977 concerning the coordination of provisions laid down by Law, Regulation or Administrative Action in respect of the activities of nurses responsible for general care.