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 with 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 (LDEK/LEK).

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.

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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.

The Physician Final Exam (LEK) and The Dentists Final Exam (LDEK) IN ENGLISH organized by CEM (Centrum Egzaminów Medycznych) in Łódź

In accordance with the Act of 28 April 2012 amending the Act on Professions of Doctor and Dentist, LEP and LDEP were replaced by the Physician Final Exam (Lekarski Egzamin Końcowy - LEK) and the Dentists Final Exam (Lekarsko-Dentystyczny Egzamin Końcowy - LDEK). The details of LEK and LDEK are defined in the Regulation of the Minister of Health on 30 July 2012 ((item 903).

LEK/LDEK exams are designed for medical doctors and graduates from medicine and dentistry graduated from a Polish medical university (in contrast to LEP/LDEP it is no longer necessary to obtain the limited license to practice - only the university diploma is needed).

The Physician Final Exam (LEK) and the Dentists Final Exam (LDEK) are held twice a year (in the Spring and the Autumn).

A person wishing to take the Final Exam must complete the appropriate application on the CEM website (www.cem.edu.pl):

- **LDEK**
  1. before June 30th for exams set in the period from 1 September to 14 September;
  2. before November 30th for exams set in the period from 1 February to 14 February

- **LEK**
  1. before June 30th for exams set in the period from 15 September to 30 September;
  2. before November 30th for exams set in the period from 15 February to 28 February

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:

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For more information regarding LEP and LDEP please contact:

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