European Professional Card (EPC) workflow – ESTABLISHMENT and TEMPORARY MOBILITY

In January 2016, five professions including physiotherapists (as a regulated profession) will start to benefit from the right to apply for the European Professional Card (EPC). EPC is a procedure for the recognition of your professional qualifications in other EU countries using the Internal Market Information System.

In the future, the EPC may be extended to other professions as well.

The procedure for the application of the EPC is intended for both, those physiotherapists who either want to migrate settle in a host country and practice the profession there (establishment process) or those who want to provide services in a host country on a temporary – short term basis (temporary provision of services).

Procedure

1. How to identify your home MS to submit the request for a EPC
   • The Member State where you are legally established to practice the profession of physiotherapy
   • If not legally established, the Member State where you obtained the required professional qualification

2. How to submit the application for the EPC
   • Applicant shall create a secured personal account via the online tool
   • Applicant can also submit the request for a EPC in written If the home Member State allows it

3. Information and documentation to be provided for verification and issuance of the EPC
   • Information to be provided by the applicant (see full doc page 3 & 4))
   • Documentation requested by home and host Member State
   • Verification of authenticity and validity of documents required for the issuance of the EPC by home and host Member State
If requesting the EPC for temporary provision of establishment the process follows as:

**Temporary provision of services**

1. **If not considered health or safety implications - Home MS issue the EPC**
   - To practice - You may need to register before practicing

2. **If considered health or safety implications for the practice of the profession - Home MS send info via IMI to Host MS**
   - Host MS review the information - can request certificates or translations
   - Education and Prof. experience not ok according host MS standards
   - Aptitude test
   - Adaptation traineeship

**Establishment process**

1. **Evaluation ok - to work - Host MS issues EPC**
   - To practice - You may need to register before practicing

2. **Education and Prof. experience no ok according host MS standards**
   - Aptitude test
   - Adaptation traineeship

3. **Host MS review the information - can request certificates or translations**
   - Evaluation ok - to practice - Host MS issues EPC - You may need to register before practicing