



## CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A PSYCHOLOGIST

**You can register as a psychologist in Belgium, and use the title of “psychologist”, if you meet one of the following combinations of requirements:**

- 1. Either a Belgian degree mentioned in the list of eligible degrees included in the Act of 8 November 1993:**
  - a. a Belgian Master's degree or Doctorate in psychology,
  - b. or a legally recognised older equivalent thereof

→ *Do you wish to obtain a Belgian Master's degree in psychology? Please contact the Belgian universities for more information. Do you already possess a qualification in psychology? Then it is possible that you might be exempted from some courses. The concerned universities can help you further.*
- 2. Or an official certificate confirming the academic equivalence of foreign education and training:**
  - a. if this certificate is issued by [NARIC-Vlaanderen](#), it should confirm the equivalence to the Flemish degree of “Master of Science in de psychologie”;
  - b. if issued by the [“Service Equivalences” of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels](#), it should confirm the equivalence to the “diplôme faisant foi de l'octroi du grade académique de Master en sciences psychologiques” as delivered in the French community of Belgium.

→ Equivalence to the general degree level of Master is NOT sufficient, since there are many types of Master level degrees, including those of less than 120 ECTS credits and those in fields other than psychology (for example philosophy).
- 3. Or a combination of all the following conditions:**
  - a. being a citizen of a country to which European Directive 2005/36 applies;
  - b. a foreign degree from a country to which European Directive 2005/36 applies, where the profession is regulated by law and where the education and training for the profession is a “regulated education and training” as defined in European Directive 2005/36.

→ *For example, this applies to France. That country has a law which specifies which courses allow the holder to use the title “psychologist” in a professional capacity.*
- 4. Or a combination of all the following conditions:**
  - a. being a citizen of a country to which European Directive 2005/36 applies;
  - b. relevant foreign degree (minimum three years' post-secondary education) from a country to which European Directive 2005/36 applies and where the profession is regulated by law;



- c. certificate from a legally competent authority which states that the holder of the degree has access to the profession regulated by law in the country from which the degree emanates;

→ *In certain cases, compensatory measures may be requested.*

**5. Or a combination of all the following conditions:**

- a. being a citizen of a country where European Directive 2005/36 applies;
- b. relevant foreign degree (minimum three years' post-secondary education) from a country to which European Directive 2005/36 applies;
- c. country of origin to which European Directive 2005/36 applies and where the profession is **NOT** regulated by law;
- d. supporting documents which demonstrate that the applicant has exercised the profession for at least one year (FTE) in the past ten years in the country of origin:
  - payslips,
  - statements from employers or supervisors,
  - extracts from tax returns,
  - invoices for psychological test material, etc.

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**6. Or a combination of all the following conditions:**

- a. being a citizen of a country to which European Directive 2005/36 applies;
- b. relevant foreign degree (minimum three years' post-secondary education) from a country to which European Directive 2005/36 does **NOT** apply;
- c. country of origin to which European Directive 2005/36 applies and where the profession is regulated by law;
- d. certificate from a legally competent authority which states that the holder of the degree has access to the profession regulated by law in the country of origin;
- e. supporting documents which demonstrate that the applicant has exercised the profession for at least one year (FTE) in the past ten years in the country of origin:
  - payslips,
  - statements from employers or supervisors,
  - extracts from tax returns,
  - invoices for psychological test material, etc. ...

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**All documents should be accompanied by a sworn translation into Dutch, English, French or German, if not drawn up in one of these languages.**