

Guidance for dentists qualified in Finland

Application for registration as a Dentist under Section 15(1)(b) of the Dentists Act 1984

This guidance should be read in conjunction with “Guidance Notes for EEA-qualified Dentists”.

Evidence of Primary Dental Qualification from Finland

If you have an appropriate European Diploma for the purposes of Schedule 2 of the Dentists Act 1984, you will be eligible for registration with the GDC under Section 15(1)(b) of the Dentists Act. An appropriate European Diploma is one which falls under one of the following categories A-D:

Qualifications listed in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of Directive 2005/36/EC

- A** If you have a diploma in dentistry which was granted in Finland, this will be an appropriate European diploma if you can provide evidence of the qualification listed in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of Directive 2005/36/EC¹ as follows:

Evidence of formal qualifications:	Hammaslääketieteen lisensiaatin tutkinto/ Odontologie licentiatexamen
Body awarding the evidence of Qualifications:	-Helsingin yliopisto / Helsingfors universitet -Oulun yliopisto -Itä-Suomen yliopisto -Turun yliopisto
Certificate accompanying the evidence of qualifications:	Sosiaali— ja terveysalan lupa— ja valvontaviraston päätös käytännön palvelun hyväksymisestä/ Beslut av Tillstånds— och tillsynsverket för social— och hälsovården om godkännande av praktisk tjänstgöring
Professional title:	-Hammaslääkäri -Tandläkare
Your training began on or after this date and your diploma was awarded on or after this date (reference date):	1 January 1994

You will not need to provide an EEA Compliance certificate. If your qualification is less than the 5000 hours required by the directive but was awarded before 18 January 2016 this will also be a qualification entitled to automatic recognition.

- B** However, if your diploma is listed in Annex V point 5.3.2 of the Directive but was granted **before the reference date², 1 January 1994 (or on or after that date where the training was commenced before that date)³** it is not an appropriate European diploma **unless** either
- (a) You can provide an EEA Compliance certificate from the competent authority of Finland stating that the diploma guarantees that the holder's training satisfies the requirements of article 34 of the Directive (requirements for basic dental training), or

¹ Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications

² The reference date for each state is listed in Annex V, point 5.3.2

³ Diplomas listed in Annex V where training commenced before 1 January 1994

- (b) You can provide an EEA Compliance certificate of a competent authority of any relevant European State stating that you have effectively and lawfully practised dentistry in that State for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of issue of the certificate.

Qualifications not listed in Annex V point 5.3.2 of the Directive

- C** If you have a diploma which was granted in Finland **on or after 1 January 1994** which is not evidence of training commenced by the holder before that date, and which is not listed in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive, this is not an appropriate European diploma unless you can produce an EEA Compliance certificate issued by a competent authority of Finland certifying that the diploma—
- (a) is evidence of training which satisfies the requirements of article 34 of the Directive; and
 - (b) Is treated by Finland as if it were a qualification listed in relation to Finland in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive.
- D** If you have a diploma granted in Finland **before 1 January 1994 (or on or after that date where training commenced before that date)** and which is not listed in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive, this is not an appropriate European diploma unless you can produce an EEA Compliance certificate as described in paragraph B(b) or paragraph C above.

My qualification is from Finland but it does not meet the requirements above for an ‘appropriate European diploma’ for the purposes of the Act. Do I have an alternative route to registration?

If you are an exempt person and you do not meet the criteria above under Section 15(1)(b), you may apply for registration under 15(1)(ba) of the Act for recognition of your qualification under the ‘general systems’.

The GDC will provide you with further guidance on this route to registration. Information on this route can also be found in the GDC’s guidance document *“Frequently Asked Questions - Application for registration as a Dentist under Section 15(1)(ba) Dentists Act 1984”*.

Certificate of Current Professional Status and EEA Compliance Certificate (if applicable):

This must be issued by the Competent Dental Authority for Finland:

Valvira Sosiaali ja terveystieteiden lupa- ja valvontavirasto
(Valvira National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health)
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