

Guidance for dentists qualified in Italy

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 Italy

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-F:

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 Italy, 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:	Diploma di laurea in Odontoiatria e Protesi Dentaria
Body awarding the evidence of Qualifications:	Università
Certificate accompanying the evidence of Qualifications:	Diploma di abilitazione all'esercizio della professione di odontoiatra
Professional title:	Odontoiatra
Your training began on or after this date and your diploma was awarded on or after this date (reference date):	28 January 1980

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 18th 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, 28 January 1980 (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 Italy stating that the diploma guarantees that the holder's training satisfies the requirements of article 34 of the Directive (requirements for basic dental training), **and** you can provide a Diploma di abilitazione all'esercizio della professione di odontoiatra; or
- (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

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 28 January 1980

- C** If you have a diploma which was granted in Italy **on or after the reference date of 28 January 1980** 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 Italy certifying that the diploma—
- (a) is evidence of training which satisfies the requirements of article 34 of the Directive; and
 - (b) is treated by Italy as if it were a qualification listed in relation to Italy in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive.
- D** If you have a diploma granted in Italy **before 28 January 1980 (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.

Medical qualifications awarded in Italy

- E** If you have a medical qualification which was awarded in Italy and you began your medical training **on or before 28 January 1980** this will be an appropriate European diploma if you can provide an EEA Compliance certificate issued by the competent authority of Italy certifying that you
- (a) have—
 - (i) effectively, lawfully and principally practised dentistry in Italy for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of issue of the certificate, or
 - (ii) successfully completed three years of study which are equivalent to the training referred to in article 34 of the Directive; and
 - (b) are authorised to practise dentistry under the same conditions as holders of a qualification listed in relation to Italy in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive.
- F** If you have a medical qualification which was awarded in Italy and you began your medical training **after 28 January 1980**, this will only be an appropriate European diploma where you can produce an EEA Compliance certificate issued by the competent authority in Italy certifying that:
- (1) (a) You have passed the relevant aptitude test set by the competent authority which demonstrates that you possess a level of knowledge and skills comparable to those of a person holding the qualification listed in relation to Italy in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive;
 - (b) you have effectively, lawfully and principally practised dentistry in Italy for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of issue of the certificate; and
 - (c) you are authorised to practise dentistry under the same conditions as a holder of the qualification listed in relation to Italy in Annex V, point 5.3.2 of the Directive.
- (2) However, you will be excepted from satisfying the requirements in (1)(a) above if you can satisfy the registrar that you have successfully completed three years of study—
- (a) which, in the case of a person who began medical training at a university after 31 December 1984, were begun before 31 December 1994; and
 - (b) which are certified by a competent authority in Italy as being equivalent to the training referred to in article 34 of the Directive.

My qualification is from Italy 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 Italy:

Ministero Della Salute (Ministry of Health)

www.salute.gov.it