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**HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS
NURSES AND MIDWIVES**

**European Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications
Designation Order of Council 2004**

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At the Council Chambers, Whitehall, the 7th day of July 2004
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Their Lordships, in exercise of powers conferred on them by article 14(1) of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order of Council:—

PART 1
General

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the European Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation Order of Council 2004 and shall come into force on 1st August 2004.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“diploma” means, except where, in article 7(3) and Schedule 2, the context otherwise requires, a diploma, certificate or other evidence of formal qualifications;
“the Nursing Directives” means the Nursing Directive and second Nursing Directive(b);
“registration” means, in the case of a nursing qualification, registration in sub-Part 1 of the Nurses’ Part of the register and, in the case of a midwifery qualification, registration in the Midwives’ Part of the register.

(2) In this Order “a competent authority certificate” means a certificate issued by a competent authority in an EEA State stating that the person named in the certificate has practised effectively and lawfully as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, as a midwife for at least three years or, for the purposes of articles 4(4)(b) and 6(4)(b), two years, during the period of five years ending with the date of issue of the certificate.

(a) S.I.2002/253.

(b) Definitions of the Nursing Directive, second Nursing Directive, Midwifery Directive and second Midwifery Directive are contained in Schedule 4 to the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 as amended by S.I.2003/3148.

(3) In this Order “an Article 4 certificate” means a certificate issued to a person by a competent authority in an EEA State in accordance with Article 4 of the Midwifery Directive to the effect that the person, after qualifying as a midwife, has practised satisfactorily, for the period provided for in that Article, as a midwife in a hospital or other health establishment approved for the purposes of that Article.

(4) Any reference in this Order to—

- (a) “the implementation date” of the Nursing Directive or second Nursing Directive;
- (b) “the date of entry into force” of the Midwifery Directive; or
- (c) “the relevant date” in connection with the Midwifery Directive,

is a reference to the date set out in Column 2, 3 or 4 as appropriate opposite the relevant State in Column 1 in the table in Schedule 1.

PART 2

Designation of Approved Qualifications

Qualifications in respect of which a diploma specified in Schedule 2 is awarded on or after the implementation date or relevant date

3.—(1) Subject to article 11 (transitional provision for Spanish midwifery qualifications) and paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in Part 1 (nursing diplomas) or Part 2 (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2 is awarded in an EEA State—

- (a) in the case of a nursing qualification, on or after the implementation date of the Nursing Directives, and which is not evidence of training commenced by the holder before that date; or
- (b) in the case of a midwifery qualification, on or after the relevant date,

is hereby designated as being an approved qualification for the purposes of registration.

(2) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—

- (a) in respect of which a diploma has been obtained in any EEA State following training which complies with all the training requirements in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive; but
- (b) where the diploma is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued,

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration if it is accompanied by an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder.

Qualifications in respect of which a diploma specified in Schedule 2 is awarded before the implementation date or relevant date or in respect of nursing training which began before the former date

4.—(1) Subject to article 11 (transitional provision for Spanish midwifery qualifications), and paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2 is awarded in an EEA State other than Poland—

- (a) in the case of a qualification in nursing in general care, before the implementation date of the Nursing Directives or on or after that date in respect of a course of training begun before that date; or
- (b) in the case of a midwifery qualification, before the relevant date,

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration.

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be one awarded in respect of training which complies with the requirements laid down—
 - (i) in the case of a nursing qualification, in Article 1 of the second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses) or,
 - (ii) in the case of a midwifery qualification, in Article 1 of the second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives),

- subject also in the case of a midwifery qualification to paragraphs (3) and (4); or
- (b) be accompanied by a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

- (3) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—
 - (a) in respect of which a diploma which falls within paragraphs (1) and (2) has been awarded; but
 - (b) where the diploma—
 - (i) is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued, or
 - (ii) would be required to be so recognised if it had been awarded on or after the date of entry into force of the Midwifery Directive,

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration if the requirement set out in paragraph (4) is satisfied.

- (4) The requirement referred to in paragraph (3) is that a diploma referred to in that paragraph must be accompanied by—
 - (a) an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder; or
 - (b) if the diploma was awarded before the date of entry into force of the Midwifery Directive, a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

Qualifications in respect of which a diploma not specified in Schedule 2 is awarded before the implementation date or relevant date in respect of training which does not comply with Directive requirements

5.—(1) A professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in paragraph (2) is awarded in an EEA State other than Poland shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration if it is accompanied by a competent authority certificate.

- (2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is—
 - (a) a diploma in nursing in general care which is not specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 and is awarded—
 - (i) before the implementation date of the Nursing Directives or on or after that date in respect of a course of training begun before that date, and
 - (ii) in respect of training which does not comply with the requirements of Article 1 of the second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses); or
 - (b) a midwifery diploma which is not specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 and is awarded—
 - (i) before the relevant date, and
 - (ii) in respect of training which does not comply with the requirements of Article 1 of the second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives).

Qualifications in respect of which a diploma not specified in Schedule 2 is awarded in respect of training which complies with Directive requirements

6.—(1) A professional qualification in respect of which a diploma specified in paragraph (2) is awarded in an EEA State shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration, provided that, if it is a midwifery qualification which falls within paragraph (3), it also satisfies paragraph (4).

- (2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is one which—
 - (a) is not specified in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2; and
 - (b) is accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority of the State which awarded the diploma to the effect that the latter—
 - (i) was awarded following training in accordance with the provisions of the second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses) or, as the case may be, the second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives), and
 - (ii) is treated by that State as if it were a qualification in respect of which a diploma is listed, in relation to that State, in the Annex to the Nursing Directive or, as the case may be, the Annex to the Midwifery Directive.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies to a midwifery qualification in respect of which a midwife holds a diploma referred to in paragraph (1) which—

- (a) is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued; or
- (b) would be required to be so recognised if it had been awarded on or after the date of entry into force of the Midwifery Directive.

(4) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (3) shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration only if the diploma referred to in paragraph (2) is accompanied by—

- (a) an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder; or
- (b) if the diploma was awarded before the date of entry into force of the Midwifery Directive, a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

Qualifications awarded in Poland before the implementation date or relevant date, or awarded in respect of nursing or midwifery training begun before those dates which do not comply with Directive requirements

7.—(1) This article applies to a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma is awarded in Poland in respect of training which does not comply with the requirements of Article 1 of the second Nursing Directive or Article 1 of the second Midwifery Directive

- (a) in the case of a qualification in nursing in general care, before the implementation date of the Nursing Directives or on or after that date in respect of a course of training begun before that date; or
- (b) in the case of a midwifery qualification, before the relevant date, or on or after that date in respect of training begun before that date.

(2) A qualification referred to in paragraph (1) shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration only if the requirements of paragraph (3) are satisfied.

(3) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Polish competent authority stating that the person named in the certificate has practised effectively and lawfully as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, as a midwife in Poland for—

- (a) in the case of a person holding the diploma of bachelor of nursing (dyplom licencjata pielęgniarstwa) or the diploma of bachelor of midwifery (dyplom licencjata położnictwa), at least three consecutive years during the period of five years ending with the date of issue of the certificate; or
- (b) in the case of a person holding the diploma of nurse (dyplom pielęgniarstwa albo pielęgniarstwa dyplomowanego) or the diploma of midwife (dyplom położnej) with post-secondary education obtained from a medical vocational school, at least five consecutive years during the period of seven years ending with the date of issue of the certificate,

and the period of practice specified in either sub-paragraph (a) or (b) in relation to a person holding the diploma of bachelor of nursing or the diploma of nurse must have included taking full responsibility for the planning, organisation and carrying out of the nursing care of the patient.

Qualifications following training in the former German Democratic Republic which complies with Directive requirements

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma in nursing in general care or, as the case may be, a midwifery diploma has been awarded which is evidence of training which—

- (a) was received in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic; and
- (b) commenced before 3rd October 1990,

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration.

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be one which is not specified in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 2 and is awarded in respect of training which complies with the requirements laid down—

- (i) in the case of a nursing qualification, in Article 1 of the second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses), or
 - (ii) in the case of a midwifery qualification, in Article 1 of the second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives),
- subject also in the case of a midwifery qualification to paragraphs (3) and (4); and
- (b) be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authority in Germany that the holder is entitled by virtue of the qualification of which the diploma is evidence to practise anywhere in Germany as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, a midwife on the same conditions as the holder of a qualification evidenced by a diploma listed under the heading “Germany” in Part 1 (nursing diplomas) or, as the case may be, Part 2 (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2.
- (3) A midwifery qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—
 - (a) in respect of which a diploma which falls within paragraphs (1) and (2) has been awarded; but
 - (b) where the diploma would, if it had been awarded in respect of training which commenced on or after 3rd October 1990, be required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the Midwifery Directive only if the holder had undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive has been issued,

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration if the requirement set out in paragraph (4) is satisfied.

(4) The requirement referred to in paragraph (3) is that a diploma referred to in that paragraph be accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority in Germany stating that the holder of the diploma has effectively and lawfully been engaged in actual practice in Germany as a midwife for at least two years during the period of five years ending with the date of issue of the certificate.

Qualifications following training in the former German Democratic Republic which does not comply with Directive requirements

9.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma in nursing in general care not specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 or, as the case may be, a midwifery diploma not specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 has been awarded which is evidence of training which—

- (a) was received in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic; and
- (b) commenced before 3rd October 1990; but
- (c) does not comply with the requirements laid down—
 - (i) in the case of a nursing qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Nursing Directive (minimum standards of training for nurses), or
 - (ii) in the case of a midwifery qualification, in Article 1 of the Second Midwifery Directive (minimum standards of training for midwives),

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration.

(2) The qualification of which the diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is evidence must be such as to entitle the holder to practise anywhere in Germany as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, a midwife on the same conditions as the holder of a qualification evidenced by a diploma listed under the heading “Germany” in Part 1 (nursing diplomas) or, as the case may be, Part 2 (midwifery diplomas) of Schedule 2.

(3) The diploma shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority in Germany stating that, for at least three years during the period of five years ending with the date of issue of the certificate, the holder of the qualification has effectively and lawfully been engaged in actual practice in Germany as a nurse responsible for general care or, as the case may be, a midwife.

Qualifications following training in the former Czechoslovakia, the former Soviet Union or Yugoslavia

10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a professional qualification in respect of which a diploma in nursing in general care or, as the case may be, a midwifery diploma has been awarded which—

- (a) is evidence of training which commenced in the territory specified in column (a) of the table below before the date specified in the corresponding entry in column (b); or
- (b) was awarded by the State or former State specified in column (a) of the table below before the date specified in the corresponding entry in column (b),

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration.

<i>Column (a)</i>	<i>Column (b)</i>	<i>Column (c)</i>
Former Czechoslovakia	1st January 1993	Czech Republic
Former Czechoslovakia	1st January 1993	Slovakia
Former Soviet Union	20th August 1991	Estonia
Former Soviet Union	21st August 1991	Latvia
Former Soviet Union	11th March 1990	Lithuania
Yugoslavia	25th June 1991	Slovenia

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authority of the EEA State specified in column (c) of the corresponding row of the table in paragraph (1) stating that the holder of the diploma has effectively and lawfully been engaged in the practice of the profession in question in that State for at least three consecutive years during the period of five years ending with the date of issue of that certificate; and
- (b) the certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (a) shall be accompanied by an attestation from that competent authority to the effect that the diploma has, on its territory, the same legal validity as regards access to, and practice of, the profession concerned as the qualification listed in relation to that State in Part 1 of Schedule 2 or, as the case may be, Part 2 of Schedule 2.

Transitional provision for Spanish midwifery qualifications

11.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a professional midwifery qualification, not being one to which article 5 or 6 applies, in respect of which a diploma specified in paragraph (2) has been awarded in Spain shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration.

(2) The diploma referred to in paragraph (1) is one which—

- (a) is evidence of training received in Spain which commenced before 1st January 1986; and
- (b) is accompanied by—
 - (i) a certificate issued by the competent authority in Spain to the effect that the diploma was awarded following training which satisfies all the training requirements in Article 1 of the second Midwifery Directive, or
 - (ii) if the training does not satisfy the requirements laid down in Article 1 of the second Midwifery Directive, a competent authority certificate.

(3) A qualification referred to in paragraph (1)—

- (a) in respect of which a person holds a diploma referred to in paragraph (2)(a) which is accompanied by a certificate referred to in paragraph (2)(b)(i); but
- (b) where the diploma is required to be recognised by other EEA States in pursuance of Article 2 of the Midwifery Directive only if the holder has undertaken professional practice in respect of which a certificate complying with Article 4 of that Directive is issued,

shall be an approved qualification for the purposes of registration if the requirement in paragraph (4) is satisfied.

(4) The requirement referred to in paragraph (3) is that a diploma referred to in that paragraph be accompanied by—

- (a) an Article 4 certificate relating to the holder; or
- (b) if the diploma was awarded before 1st January 1986, a competent authority certificate relating to the holder.

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SCHEDULE 1

Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5

<i>Column 1</i> EEA State	<i>Column 2</i> Implementation date of the Nursing Directives	<i>Column 3</i> Entry into force of the Midwifery Directive	<i>Column 4</i> Relevant date in relation to the Midwifery Directive
Austria	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Belgium	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Cyprus	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Czech Republic	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Denmark	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Estonia	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Finland	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
France	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Germany	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Greece	1st January 1981	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Hungary	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Iceland	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Ireland	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Italy	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Latvia	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Liechtenstein	1st May 1995	1st May 1995	1st May 1995
Lithuania	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Luxembourg	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Malta	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Netherlands	28th June 1979	23rd January 1983	23rd January 1986
Norway	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Poland	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Portugal	1st January 1986	1st January 1986	23rd January 1986
Slovakia	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Slovenia	1st May 2004	1st May 2004	1st May 2004
Spain	1st January 1986	1st January 1986	1st January 1986
Sweden	1st January 1994	1st January 1994	1st January 1994
Switzerland	1st June 2002	1st June 2002	1st June 2002

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 3 and 4

DIPLOMAS LISTED IN THE ANNEX TO THE NURSING DIRECTIVE AND
THE ANNEX TO THE MIDWIFERY DIRECTIVE

PART 1
NURSING DIPLOMAS

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
Austria	1. Diplom als 'Diplomierter Gesundheits- und Krankenschwester/Diplomierter Gesundheits- und Krankenpfleger' 2. Diplom als 'Diplomierter Krankenschwester/Diplomierter Krankenpfleger'	1. Schule für allgemeine Gesundheits- und Krankenpflege 2. Allgemeine Krankenpflegeschule	
Belgium	1. Diploma geadueerde verpleger/verpleegster - Diplôme d'infirmier(ère) gradué(e) -Diplom eines (einer) graduierten Krankenpflegers (-pflegerin) 2. Diploma in de ziekenhuisverpleegkunde -Brevet d'infirmier(ère) hospitalier(ère) -Brevet eines (einer) Krankenpflegers (-pflegerin) 3. Brevet van verpleegassistent(e) — Brevet d'hospitalier(ère) — Brevet einer Pflegeassistentin	1. De erkende opleidingsinstituten/les établissements d'enseignement reconnus/die anerkannten Ausbildungsanstalten 2. De bevoegde Examencommissie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap/le Jury compétent d'enseignement de la Communauté française/die zuständigen Prüfungsausschüsse der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft	
Cyprus	Δίπλωμα Γενικής Νοσηλευτικής	Νοσηλευτική Σχολή	
Czech Republic	1. Diplom o ukončení studia ve studijním programu ošetrovatelství ve studijním oboru všeobecná sestra (bakalář, Bc.) 2. Diplom o ukončení studia ve studijním oboru diplomovaná všeobecná sestra (diplomovaný specialista, DiS.)	1. Vysoká škola zřízená nebo uznaná státem 2. Vyšší odborná škola zřízená nebo uznaná státem	1. Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce 2. Vysvědčení o absolutoriu
Denmark	Eksamensbevis efter gennemført sygeplejerskeuddannelse	Sygeplejerskole godkendt af Undervisningsministeriet	*
Estonia	Diplom õe erialal	1. Tallinna Meditsiinikool 2. Tartu Meditsiinikool 3. Kohtla-Järve Meditsiinikool	

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
Finland	<p>1. Sairaanhoidajan tutkinto/sjukskötarexamen</p> <p>2. Sosiaali- ja terveystieteiden ammattikorkeakoulututkinto, sairaanhoitaja (AMK)/yrkeshögskoleexamen inom hälsovård och det sociala området, sjukskötare (YH)</p>	<p>1. Terveystieteiden tutkimuskeskus/oppilaitokset/hälsövärdsläroanstalter</p> <p>2. Ammattikorkeakoulut/yrkeshögskolor</p>	
France	<p>1. Diplôme d'Etat d'infirmier(ère)</p> <p>2. Diplôme d'Etat d'infirmier(ère) délivré en vertu du décret no 99-1147 du 29 décembre 1999</p>	Le ministère de la santé	
Germany	Zeugnis über die staatliche Prüfung in der Krankenpflege	Staatlicher Prüfungsausschuss	
Greece	<p>1. Πτυχίο Νοσηλευτικής Παν/μίου Αθηνών</p> <p>2. Πτυχίο Νοσηλευτικής Τεχνολογικών Εκπαιδευτικών Ιδρυμάτων (Τ.Ε.Ι)</p> <p>3. Πτυχίο Αξιωματικών Νοσηλευτικής</p> <p>4. Πτυχίο Αδελφών Νοσοκόμων πρώην Ανωτέρων Σχολών Υπουργείου Υγείας και Πρόνοιας</p> <p>5. Πτυχίο Αδελφών Νοσοκόμων και Επισκεπτριών πρώην Ανωτέρων Σχολών Υπουργείου Υγείας και Πρόνοιας</p> <p>6. Πτυχίο Τμήματος Νοσηλευτικής</p>	<p>1. Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών</p> <p>2. Τεχνολογικά Εκπαιδευτικά Ιδρύματα Υπουργείο Εθνικής Παιδείας και Θρησκευμάτων</p> <p>3. Υπουργείο Εθνικής Αμυνας</p> <p>4. Υπουργείο Υγείας και Πρόνοιας</p> <p>5. Υπουργείο Υγείας και Πρόνοιας</p> <p>6. ΚΑΤΕΕ Υπουργείου Εθνικής Παιδείας και Θρησκευμάτων</p>	
Hungary	<p>1. Ápoló bizonyítvány</p> <p>2. Diplomás ápoló oklevél</p> <p>3. Egyetemi okleveles ápoló oklevél</p>	<p>1. Iskola</p> <p>2. Egyetem/főiskola</p> <p>3. Egyetem</p>	

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
Iceland	1. B.Sc. í hjúkrunarfræði 2. B.Sc. í hjúkrunarfræði 3. Hjúkrunarpróf	1. Háskóli Íslands 2. Háskólinn á Akureyri 3. Hjúkrunarskóli Íslands	
Ireland	Certificate of Registered General Nurse	An Bord Altranais (The Nursing Board)	
Italy	Diploma di infermiere professionale	Scuole riconosciute dallo Stato	
Latvia	1. Diploms par māsas kvalifikācijas iegūšanu 2. Māsas diploms	1. Māsu skolas 2. Universitātes tipa augstskola pamatojoties uz Valsts eksāmenu komisijas lēmumu	
Liechtenstein	The diplomas, certificates and other titles awarded in another EEA State and listed in this Part of Schedule 2.		
Lithuania	1. Aukštojo mokslo diplomas, nurodantis suteiktą bendrosios praktikos slaugytojo profesinę kvalifikaciją 2. Aukštojo mokslo diplomas (neuniversitetinės studijos), nurodantis suteiktą bendrosios praktikos slaugytojo profesinę kvalifikaciją	1. Universitetas 2. Kolegija	
Luxembourg	1 Diplôme d'Etat d'infirmier 2 Diplôme d'Etat d'infirmier hospitalier gradué	Ministère de l'Education nationale, de la Formation professionnelle et des Sports	
Malta	Lawrja jew diploma fl-istudji tal-infermerija	Universita' ta' Malta	
Netherlands	1. Diploma's verpleger A, verpleegster A, verpleegkundige A 2. Diploma verpleegkundige MBOV (Middelbare Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige) 3. Diploma verpleegkundige HBOV (Hogere Beroepsopleiding Verpleegkundige)	1 Door een van overheidswege benoemde examencommissie 2. Door een van overheidswege benoemde examencommissie 3. Door een van overheidswege benoemde examencommissie 4. Door een van overheidswege aangewezen	

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
	4. Diploma beroepsonderwijs verpleegkundige – Kwalificatieniveau 4 5. Diploma hogere beroepsopleiding verpleegkundige – Kwalificatieniveau 5	opleidingsinstelling 5. Door een van overheidswege aangewezen opleidingsinstelling	
Norway	Vitnemål for bestått sykepleierutdanning	Høgskole	
Poland	Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych na kierunku pielęgniarstwo z tytułem “magister pielęgniarstwa”	Instytucja prowadząca kształcenie na poziomie wyższym uznana przez właściwe władze (higher educational institution recognised by the competent authorities)	
Portugal	1. Diploma do curso de enfermagem geral 2. Diploma/carta de curso de bacharelato em enfermagem 3. Carta de curso de licenciatura em enfermagem	1. Escolas de Enfermagem 2. Escolas Superiores de Enfermagem 3. Escolas Superiores de Enfermagem; Escolas Superiores de Saúde	
Slovakia	1. Vysokoškolský diplom o udelení akademického titulu “magister z ošetrovatel’stva” (“Mgr.”) 2. Vysokoškolský diplom o udelení akademického titulu “bakalár z ošetrovatel’stva” (“Bc.”) 3. Absolventský diplom v študijnom odbore diplomovaná všeobecná sestra	1. Vysoká škola 2. Vysoká škola 3. Stredná zdravotnícka škola	
Slovenia	Diploma, s katero se podeljuje strokovni naslov “diplomirana medicinska sestra/diplomirani zdravstvenik”	1. Univerza 2. Visoka strokovna šola	
Spain	Título de Diplomado universitario en Enfermería	Ministerio de Educación y Cultura/El rector de una Universidad	
Sweden	Sjuksköterskeexamen	Universitet eller högskola	
Switzerland	Infirmière diplômée et	Ecoles qui proposent des filières	

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
	infirmier diplômé Diplomierte Pflegefachfrau, Diplomierte Pflegefachmann Infermiera diplomata e infermiere diplomato	de formation reconnues par l'État Schulen, die staatlich Bildungsgänge Scuole che propongono dei cicli di formazione riconosciuti dallo Stato	

PART 2
MIDWIFERY DIPLOMAS

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
Austria	Hebammen-Diplom	Hebammenakademie/Bundeshebammenlehranstalt	
Belgium	- Diploma van vroedvrouw/ - Diplômê d'accoucheuse	1. De erkende opleidingsinstituten/les établissements d'enseignement 2. De bevoegde Examencommissie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap/le Jury compétent d'enseignement de la Communauté française	
Cyprus	Δίπλωμα στο μεταβασικό πρόγραμμα Μαιευτικής	Νοσηλευτική Σχολή	
Czech Republic	1. Diplom o ukončení studia ve studijním programu ošetrovatelství ve studijním oboru porodní asistentka (bakalář, Bc.) 2. Diplom o ukončení studia ve studijním oboru diplomovaná porodní asistentka (diplomovaný specialista, DiS.)	1. Vysoká škola zřízená nebo uznaná státem 2. Vyšší odborná škola zřízená nebo uznaná státem	1. Vysvědčení o státní závěrečné zkoušce 2. Vysvědčení o absolutoriu
Denmark	Bevis for bestået jordemodereksamen	Danmarks jordemoderskole	
Estonia	Diplom ämmaemandaerialal	1. Tallinna Meditsiinikool 2. Tartu Meditsiinikool	
Finland	1. Kätilön tutkinto/barnmorske-examen 2. Sosiaali- ja terveystieteiden ammattikorkeakoulututkinto, kätilö (AMK)/yrkeshögskole-examen inom hälsovård och det sociala området, barnmorska (YH)	1. Terveystieteiden oppilaitokset/hälsovårdsläroanstalter 2. Ammattikorkeakoulut/yrkeshögskolor	
France	Diplôme de sage-femme	L'Etat	
Germany	Zeugnis über die staatliche	Staatlicher Prüfungsausschuss	

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
	Prüfung für Hebammen und Entbindungspfleger		
Greece	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Πτυχίο Τμήματος Μαιεντικής Τεχνολογικών Εκπαιδευτικών Ιδρυμάτων (Τ.Ε.Ι.) Πτυχίο του Τμήματος Μαιών της Ανωτέρας Σχολής Στελεχών Υγείας και Κοινων. Προνοιας (KATEE) Πτυχίο Μαιίας Ανωτέρας Σχολής Μαιών 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Τεχνολογικά Εκπαιδευτικά Ιδρύματα (Τ.Ε.Ι.) KATEE Υπουργείου Εθνικής Παιδείας και Θρησκευμάτων Υπουργείο Υγείας και Πρόνοιας 	
Hungary	Szülész-nő bizonyítvány	Iskola/főiskola	
Iceland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Embættispróf í ljósmóðurfræði Próf í ljósmæðrafræðum 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Háskóli Íslands Ljósmæðraskóli Íslands 	
Ireland	Certificate in Midwifery	An Bord Altranais	
Italy	Diploma d'ostetrica	Schools recognised by State	
Latvia	1. Diploms par vecmātes kvalifikācijas iegūšanu	Māsu skolas	
Liechtenstein	The diplomas, certificates and other titles awarded in another EEA State and listed in this Part of Schedule 2		
Lithuania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aukštojo mokslo diplomas, nurodantis suteiktą bendrosios praktikos slaugytojo profesinę kvalifikaciją ir profesinės kvalifikacijos pažymėjimas, nurodantis suteiktą akušerio profesinę kvalifikaciją Aukštojo mokslo diplomas (neuniversitetinės studijos), nurodantis suteiktą bendrosios praktikos slaugytojo profesinę kvalifikaciją ir profesinės kvalifikacijos pažymėjimas, nurodantis suteiktą akušerio profesinę kvalifikaciją Aukštojo mokslo diplomas (neuniversitetinės studijos), nurodantis suteiktą akušerio profesinę kvalifikaciją 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Universitetas Kolegija Kolegija 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pažymėjimas, liudijantis profesinę praktiką akušerijoje Pažymėjimas, liudijantis profesinę praktiką akušerijoje

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
Luxembourg	Diplôme de sage-femme	Ministère de l'Education nationale, de la Formation professionnelle et des Sports	
Malta	Lawrja jew diploma fl-Istudji tal-Qwiebel	Universita' ta' Malta	
Netherlands	Diploma van verloskundige	Door het Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport erkende opleidingsinstellingen	
Norway	Vitnemål for bestått jordmorutdanning	Høgskole	
Poland	Dyplom ukończenia studiów wyższych na kierunku położnictwo z tytułem "magister położnictwa"	Institucja prowadząca kształcenie na poziomie wyższym uznana przez właściwe władze (Higher educational institution recognised by the competent authorities)	
Portugal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma de enfermeiro especialista em enfermagem de saúde materna e obstétrica Diploma/carta de curso de estudos superiores especializados em enfermagem de saúde materna e obstétrica Diploma (do curso de pós-licenciatura) de especialização em enfermagem de saúde materna e obstétrica 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Escolas de Enfermagem Escolas Superiores de Enfermagem Escolas Superiores de Enfermagem; Escolas Superiores de Saúde 	
Slovakia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vysokoškolský diplom o udelení akademického titulu "bakalár z pôrodnej asistencie" ("Bc.") Absolventský diplom v študijnom odbore diplomovaná pôrodná asistentka 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vysoká škola Stredná zdravotnícka škola 	
Slovenia	Diploma, s katero se podeljuje strokovni naslov "diplomirana babica/diplomirani babičar"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Univerza Visoka strokovna šola 	
Spain	Título de matrona/asistente obstétrico	Ministerio de Educación y Cultura	

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate
	(matrona)/enfermería obstétrica- ginecológica		
Sweden	Barnmorskeexamen	Universitet eller högskola	
Switzerland	Sage-femme diplômée, Diplomierte Hebamme, Levatrice diplomata	Ecoles qui proposent des filières de formation reconnues par l'État Schulen, die staatlich anerkannte Bildungsgänge durchführen Scuole che propongono dei cicli di formazione riconosciuti dallo Stato	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order of Council is made by the Privy Council under the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and replaces the EEC Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation Order 1996 as amended which was made by the Secretary of State under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 and which continued in existence under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997.

In accordance with article 14 of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and Directives 77/452/EEC (“the Nursing Directive”) (Articles 2, 4, 4a and 18b and the Annex) and 80/154/EEC (“the Midwifery Directive”) (Articles 2, 4, 5 and 19b and the Annex) as amended, it designates nursing and midwifery qualifications awarded in other EU States as being approved qualifications for the purposes of registration in the register maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

By virtue of the Agreement on the European Economic Area the provisions of these Directives apply to qualifications awarded in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein which are also designated.

In accordance with the Agreement between the European Community, and its Member States, and the Swiss Confederation, qualifications awarded in Switzerland are also designated.

Article 3 relates to the designation of a qualification awarded after the specified date by an EEA State (which, in this note, includes Switzerland) which satisfies the training requirements of Directive 77/453/EEC (“the second Nursing Directive”) or 80/155/EEC (“the second Midwifery Directive”) and is listed in the Annex to Directive 77/452/EEC or 80/154/EEC.

Article 4 relates to the designation of a qualification listed in the Annex to Directive 77/452/EEC or 80/154/EEC awarded before the specified date, or in respect of nursing training begun before that date, if it satisfies the training requirements of the relevant Directive or is accompanied by a certificate confirming that the holder has practised effectively and lawfully for the period stated in it.

Article 5 of the Order relates to the designation of a qualification which is not listed in the Annex to Directive 77/452/EEC or 80/154/EEC which was awarded before, or in respect of training begun before, the relevant date and which does not satisfy the training requirements of the relevant Directive but is accompanied by a certificate confirming that the holder has practised effectively and lawfully for the period stated in it.

Article 6 relates to the designation of a qualification which is not listed in the Annex to Directive 77/452/EEC or 80/154/EEC but which satisfies the training requirements of the relevant Directive and which is treated by the State which awarded it as if it were a listed qualification.

Article 7 relates to the designation of a qualification awarded in Poland before the specified date which does not satisfy the training requirements of the relevant Directive provided it is accompanied by a certificate confirming that the holder has practised effectively and lawfully for the period set out in article 7(3).

Articles 8 and 9 relate to the designation of qualifications arising out of training received in the former German Democratic Republic. Article 8 relates to a qualification not listed in the Annex to Directive 77/452/EEC or 80/155/EEC but which satisfies the training requirements of the relevant Directive and which is accompanied by a certificate confirming that the holder is entitled to practise in Germany as if he held a qualification listed in the Annex. Article 9 relates to a qualification which does not satisfy the training requirements of the relevant Directive but which entitles the holder to practise on the same conditions as a holder of a listed qualification and which is accompanied by a certificate confirming that he has practised effectively and lawfully for the time stated in it.

Article 10 relates to the designation of a qualification awarded by, or following training in, the former Czechoslovakia, the former Soviet Union or Yugoslavia which is accompanied by a certificate confirming that the holder has practised effectively and lawfully for at least three

consecutive years out of the five years preceding the award of the qualification and an attestation that the qualification has the same legal validity in respect of access to and practice of the profession concerned as a qualification listed in the Directive.

Article 11 contains a transitional provision in relation to midwifery qualifications awarded in Spain following training which began before 1st January 1986 which are accompanied by a certificate confirming that the qualification satisfies Directive training requirements or, if it does not, that the holder has practised effectively and lawfully for the period stated in it.

Some midwifery qualifications awarded after shorter training which nevertheless satisfy the Directive requirements must be accompanied by a certificate issued in accordance with Articles 2 and 4 of Directive 80/154/EEC confirming that the midwife has practised satisfactorily. This is provided for in articles 3(2); 4(3)(b)(i) and (4)(a); 6(3)(a) and (4)(a); 11(3)(b) and (4)(a). Where the qualification is awarded before the coming into force of Directive 80/154/EEC it must be accompanied instead by a certificate confirming that the holder has practised effectively and lawfully for the period stated in it as is provided for in articles 4(3)(b)(ii) and (4)(b); 6(3)(b) and (4)(b); 8(3)(b) and (4); and 11(3)(b) and (4)(b).

(the expressions “the Nursing Directive”, “the second Nursing Directive”, “the Midwifery Directive” and “the second Midwifery Directive” are defined in Schedule 4 of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 as amended by S.I. 2003/3148).

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