



FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

To register with a foreign qualification, you must first apply for degree homologation. Once it is granted, it will have both academic and professional validity.

If your qualification was obtained in an EU country, you can instead apply for professional recognition under Directive 2005/36/EC (for citizens of the EU, EEA, and Switzerland). Please note that this process grants professional recognition only and does not confer academic validity.

Both procedures must be completed exclusively through the electronic office.

Requirements for practising the profession in Spain:

<https://www.ciencia.gob.es/Universidades/validate/homologacion/fisioterapeuta.html>

PROCEDURE	HOMOLOGACIÓN	RECONOCIMIENTO DIRECTIVA 2005/36/CE	CONVALIDACIÓN
TYPE OF RECOGNITION	Equivalent to a Spanish bachelor's degree granting access to a regulated profession in Spain	Of the professional rights associated with your qualifications	Of official higher education studies, completed or not leading to a degree, for partial university studies
LEGAL EFFECT	Academic and professional	Professional	For academic purposes (to continue studies)
COMPETENT AUTHORITY	Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades	Ministerio de Sanidad	Any Spanish university
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT	C1		University admission requirements

Homologation of the degree

Granted by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

Prior considerations:

- The foreign qualification must be fully university-level and officially recognised in the country of origin.
- Have a minimum duration of three or four years.
- Have a minimum workload of 180/240 ECTS credits.
- The Valida-TE portal centralises information on the requirements needed for each qualifying degree to which homologation can be applied, both academic and documentary.
- All foreign documents must be legalised by apostille or through diplomatic channels (documents from EU, EEA and Switzerland are exempt).
- Documents not in Spanish must be translated by a sworn translator.

Required documentation:

- Identity document.

- Degree certificate.
- Academic transcript, which must include:
- Official duration in academic years of the programme followed.
- Subjects passed and total workload of each, expressed in hours or ECTS credits.
- If more than 15% of the total credits have been recognised, a certificate from the institution of origin must be provided.
- Proof of Spanish language proficiency (level C1: advanced), if not a national of a country where Spanish is an official language.
- Documentation proving eligibility to practise the profession in the country where the degree was issued.
- For EU, EEA and Switzerland, a certificate of conformity with Directive 2005/36/EC must be provided.

Access to the procedure:

<https://universidades.sede.gob.es/procedimientos/portada/ida/3513/idp/1029>

Recognition (EU, EEA and Switzerland)

Granted by the Ministry of Health.

Prior considerations:

- Applies to qualifications obtained in EU, EEA and Switzerland countries.
- Recognition has professional effects only, not academic ones.
- Allows practising a regulated profession in Spain under the same conditions as nationals.

Required documentation:

- Copy of identity document.
- Copy of academic and, where applicable, professional qualifications.
- Certificate from the competent authority of the country of origin confirming the qualification allows professional practice and complies with Directive 2005/36/EC.
- Certificate of good standing issued by the competent authority confirming the applicant is not disqualified (valid for 3 months).
- For third-country nationals with qualifications obtained in EU states, proof that Directive 2005/36/EC applies.
- All documents must be accompanied by an official Spanish translation.

Access to the procedure: <https://retuex-com.sanidad.gob.es/retuex/#/es/unioneuropea>

Spanish language proficiency

Applicants whose official language is not Spanish must prove sufficient knowledge by providing one of the following:

- **DELE** diploma (C1 or higher).
- Official Language School certificate (C1 or higher).
- **SICELE** certificates equivalent to C1 or higher.
- **SIELE** certificate equivalent to C1 in all sections.