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The Member States of the EU (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Great Britain), the countries of the European Economic Area (i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) as well as Switzerland form the Single Internal European Market. The free movement of persons, services, capital and goods are the fundamental rights of EU citizens. They have the right to reside and work in any of the countries mentioned above. Recognition of professional qualifications is a suitable mechanism facilitating the free movement. It enables citizens of these states to gain access to the professions in which they are qualified in the home Member State and enjoy the same rights as its nationals who practise these professions.

Recognition of professional qualifications is focused on assessment of knowledge and skills of a particular person. Such knowledge or skills might be proven by either an evidence of formal qualification (education and training) or a document confirming a factual exercise of a profession.

The result of the recognition of professional qualification process is the decision whether the particular person has sufficient knowledge and skills to pursue a specific profession or activity.

State or public administration employees, who exercise the public authority, are not subjects to recognition of qualification (e.g. army, police, and some state or public administration positions).

Discrimination between persons on the basis of nationality is not allowed.

Who needs recognition of a professional qualification?

If you are a citizen or a resident of the countries mentioned above (or a family member of such person) and want to work in a country other than country of origin of your qualification, you need to know whether or not the profession or activity, which you intend to carry out in the host country, is regulated in this country. If this is the case, you must have your professional qualification recognised. If the occupation or activity is not regulated, you do not need such recognition and can seek employment directly.

What is a regulated profession or activity?

The fact that a profession or activity is regulated in the host country means that specific formal conditions have been set concerning the pursuit of this profession or activity. These conditions ensure that the profession will be practised to the standards required and in a way that does not pose any threats as regards your and the country’s citizens’ health and safety. The conditions may include a specific level and type of education, work experience, appropriate health condition, moral integrity, etc.
Each country regulates the practice of certain professions. They may differ from country to country, but always include the profession of doctor, dentist, pharmacist, general nurse, midwife, veterinary surgeon, architect (so called sectoral professions), in the following teacher, physiotherapist, barrister, auditor etc.

Which professions are regulated in the Czech Republic?

The Czech Republic ranks among the countries with a relatively high number of regulated professions and activities. The list of regulated professions contains about 390 professions and activities. The highest number of them may be found in industry and trade, i.e. especially trades according to Act No. 455/1991 Coll., The Trades Act. Large number of regulated professions is in the field of healthcare. Considering the number of regulated professions and activities according the respective recognition bodies are ranking at next positions mining, nuclear energy, agriculture, transport and education. A full list of regulated professions and activities in Czech and in English is available from a database on the official website of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (www.msmt.cz).
EU legislature

Primary law

Article 47 of the EU Treaty establishes the obligation to issue directives for mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other qualification documents. It also obliges with the same aim to issue a directive coordinating the norms of member states which are related to the field of commencing and conducting the business of self-employers.

Secondary law


Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications simplifies and concentrates the system of mutual recognition of the professional qualifications in one legal regulation. It preserves the principles of the general system for recognition of professional qualifications and also the principles of automatic recognition of professional qualifications which were introduced for the profession of doctor, dentist, pharmacist, general nurse, midwife, veterinary surgeon, and architect, i.e. sectoral professions.

The directive also introduces new instruments:

- Introduction of temporal or occasional pursuit of regulated profession, i.e. “provision of services” The regulation of provision of services takes into account the recipient of the service. Due to this fact the provision of services is distinguished according the influence to the health and security of the recipient of the respective service.
- Introduction of 5 levels of qualification, which influenced the domestic legal regulation.
- New possibility to use the compensation measures on the basis of so called “common platforms”, i.e. compromise conditions set out by all EU Member States.
- Within the administrative procedure of recognition of professional qualification is newly regulated recognition of professional qualification in the common procedure and in the preliminary question procedure if the recognition is a condition for commencing of self-employment.
- Enlargement of branches under the automatic recognition of professional qualification (e.g. medical specializations).
The essence of the General system of recognition of professional qualification is to avoid, under some formal and material conditions, the territorial limitation of exercise of a particular regulated profession (profession which exercise is possible only under some regulation according the domestic legal norms). Recognition of professional qualification means that the person, whose qualification for exercises of the same profession was recognized in the state of its origin has the same rights as the person who acquired the qualification in the host (receiving) state.

The essence of the Sectoral system is harmonisation of education regulations; or exercise of some activities, at the stage of education or the professional training. The sector system is applied to professions by which qualification has to be taken into account very seriously. Such professions are: doctor, dentist, pharmacist, general nurse, midwife, veterinary surgeon and architect.


Recognition in the field of architecture was regulated by Directive 85/384/EEC transposed into Act No. 360/1992 Coll., on professional practice of certified architects and on the professional practice of certified engineers and technicians active in construction as amended.

Recognition of professional qualifications in the Czech Republic – legal regulation

Recognition of professional qualifications is regulated by Act No. 18/2004 Coll., on recognition of professional qualification and other competencies of the nationals of the Member States of the European Union and some nationals of other states and on changes to other acts (Recognition of professional qualification Act), which was amended by Act No. 189/2008 Coll. due to the necessity to implement into Czech legal system the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of The Council on the recognition of professional qualifications.

The procedure on recognition of professional qualification has legal basis in the Act. No. 500/20004 Coll., administrative procedure Act, with some exceptions prescribed by Act No. 18/2004 Coll., on the recognition of professional qualification.

Above mentioned procedure could be naturally applicable only to persons, who are fully qualified to exercise the regulated profession or activity in state of their origin or if the profession was already practised in the respective state.
Exceptions

Procedures on recognition of professional qualification of:

- Architect (Act No. 360/1992 Coll., on exercise the profession of authorised architects, certified engineers and technicians)
- Doctor, Dentist, Pharmacist (Act No. 95/2004 Coll., on the conditions of recognition of professional qualification for Doctor, Dentist and Pharmacist)
- General Nurse, Midwife (Act No. 96/2004 Coll., on non-medical healthcare professions)
- Veterinary surgeon (Act. No 166/1999 Coll., on veterinary care)

are regulated by special acts and professions of Barristers and Auditors in addition by "sector directives" as well.

The common base of aforementioned professions is the harmonization of the minimum content of studies which enables practically automatic recognition of diplomas, certificates and coordination of legal and administrative norms referring to respective professions.
The profession I want to practise is regulated in the Czech Republic. What shall I have to do?

If the profession is regulated, an application for recognition of your qualifications with the documents required must be submitted to the relevant competent recognition authority. The name of the body and contact details may be found in the database of regulated professions (www.msmt.cz). A list of required documents is in the database and on the concrete competent authority’s websites or generally in the Act No. 18/2004 Coll., on the recognition of professional qualification.

An application form in the Czech language, personal identification, document stating nationality of the applicant, evidence of formal qualifications and certificate proving payment of the administrative fee are required.

Acceptance of the Application for recognition of professional qualifications by the competent recognition authority is charged CZK 2000,- and it is paid by a stamp or by bank transfer.

What shall the recognition authority do?

The recognition authority will examine whether the application and the documents attached contain all the necessary information to assess the qualifications and to make a decision. If necessary, the recognition authority shall ask the applicant to provide further information.

If the application and the documents attached are complete, the recognition body is obliged, according the provision of section 24, paragraph 5 of the aforementioned Act, to make a decision without any delay, latest within 60 days. In case of common procedure or particularly complex matter, the recognition authority, according the section 24, paragraph 2, is obliged to come to a decision latest within period of 90 days.

When the decision has legal force, the recognition authority is obliged to return the submitted documents within 15 working days (document stating nationality of the applicant, evidence of formal qualifications), if the documents were attached in original form or as certified copies.

Following examination of the application, the recognition authority issues a decision stating that:

- professional qualification is recognised, or
- compensatory measures in the form of an adaptation period or aptitude test must be taken on the part of the applicant prior to recognition, or
- application for recognition of professional qualification is rejected.

1 There is also a possibility of submitting the application to Centre for Recognition of Professional Qualifications which will forward it to the relevant competent authority.
Have you acquired professional qualification in EU/EEA or Switzerland and you want to exercise your profession in the Czech Republic?

Is this profession regulated in the Czech Republic?
- YES: Recognition of qualification needed
  - NO: Unlimited approach to Labour market

Are you qualified for the same profession in your country?
- YES: The Directive is not applicable.
- NO: Do you want to exercise your profession temporary or occasionally (i.e. provide services)?
  - YES: Is it necessary to inform relevant recognition authority by declaration.
  - NO: Is the respective profession regulated in your country or can you prove that during the previous 10 years you have had at least 2 years of relevant professional experience?
    - YES: The Directive is not applicable.
    - NO: Considering your profession, is there a danger for public health or safety?
      - YES: Your qualification will be checked.
      - NO: Are there substantial differences between your study programme and the one required in the Czech Republic with the influence to public health and safety?
        - YES: You have to take the aptitude test or accept other appropriate measure.
        - NO: You can provide services.

Do you want to work in the Czech Republic in establishment?
- YES: The Directive is not applicable.
- NO: You have to take the aptitude test or absolve the adaptation period.

Is your study programme more than 1 year shorter or are there some substantial differences in the content of curriculum which can not be covered by professional experience?
- YES: You have to take the aptitude test or accept other appropriate measure.
- NO: You can provide services.

Are you a doctor, pharmacist, dentist, nurse, midwife, veterinary surgeon or architect with the option of automatic recognition?
- YES: Your study programme will be compared with the corresponding one required in the Czech Republic.
  - YES: The principle of automatic recognition can be applied.
  - NO: Your professional qualification is recognized.
- NO: Are you qualified for the same profession in your country?
  - YES: The Directive is not applicable.
  - NO: Is it necessary to inform relevant recognition authority by declaration.

Are you a doctor, pharmacist, dentist, nurse, midwife, veterinary surgeon or architect?
- YES: Is the respective profession regulated in your country or can you prove that during the previous 10 years you have had at least 2 years of relevant professional experience?
  - YES: The Directive is not applicable.
  - NO: Considering your profession, is there a danger for public health or safety?
    - YES: Your qualification will be checked.
    - NO: Are there substantial differences between your study programme and the one required in the Czech Republic with the influence to public health and safety?
      - YES: You have to take the aptitude test or accept other appropriate measure.
      - NO: You can provide services.
- NO: Are you qualified for the same profession in your country?
  - YES: The Directive is not applicable.
  - NO: Is it necessary to inform relevant recognition authority by declaration.

Is your study programme more than 1 year shorter or are there some substantial differences in the content of curriculum which can not be covered by professional experience?
- YES: You have to take the aptitude test or accept other appropriate measure.
- NO: You can provide services.

Is the respective profession regulated in your country or can you prove that during the previous 10 years you have had at least 2 years of relevant professional experience?
- YES: The Directive is not applicable.
- NO: Considering your profession, is there a danger for public health or safety?
  - YES: Your qualification will be checked.
  - NO: Are there substantial differences between your study programme and the one required in the Czech Republic with the influence to public health and safety?
    - YES: You have to take the aptitude test or accept other appropriate measure.
    - NO: You can provide services.

Are you qualified for the same profession in your country?
- YES: The Directive is not applicable.
- NO: Is it necessary to inform relevant recognition authority by declaration.

Is your study programme more than 1 year shorter or are there some substantial differences in the content of curriculum which can not be covered by professional experience?
- YES: You have to take the aptitude test or accept other appropriate measure.
- NO: You can provide services.
Compensation measures

These measures are required by the recognition authority if there are substantial differences between the applicant’s education and the one required in the Czech Republic.

Compensation measures might be in the form of an adaptation period or an aptitude test. The choice is up to the applicant.

During an adaptation period the applicant for recognition performs the regulated profession under the supervision of a professionally competent person. Some further relevant training may also be part of this period. The length of the adaptation period can not exceed 3 years.

An aptitude test usually consists of a written and an oral part. As a rule it is taken in the Czech language in the presence of representatives of the recognition body, university or other educational institution with the respective specialisation. The examination aims to test the knowledge and skills necessary for the practice of a profession and which were not included in the applicant’s training.

An aptitude test - taking the test is charged maximum of CZK 5000,- according the Act on recognition of professional qualification.

Appeal

Against the decisions issued by a central administrative body as a central recognition authority may be submitted an appeal (Section 152, Administrative procedure act) as for the matters of recognition of professional qualifications. Minister or the head of central administrative body hears the appeal considering the opinion of a special commission, so called “permanent appeal commission”. Time for appealing is limited to 15 days after the announcement of the decision (with the exception that the applicant was not duly informed about the possibility to appeal and the respective period to do so – see Section 84 and 85 of the Administrative procedure act). The period for hearing the appeal, i.e. issue of decision about the appeal, is governed by section 71 of the Administrative procedure act.

In some cases, the decisions may be reviewed by court on the basis of either administrative (Section 65 of Act No. 150/2002 Coll. Administrative courts procedure Act) or civil action (Section 246 of Act No. 99/1963 Coll., Civil courts procedure act). Administrative action may be submitted, if the decision of recognition authority violates rights of the applicant, is incompetent or unlawful. Civil action may be submitted, if the recognition authority issued a decision within its competence, but about a civil case (Section 68, lit. b) of the Administrative courts procedure Act). Appeal periods are set out according the nature of the action – administrative or civil (Section 72 of Act No. 150/2002 Coll. and Section 247 of Act No. 99/1963 Coll.: “The action shall be submitted in 2 months period since the delivery of the decision issued by administrative body).”

Where to find information

Information point (“contact point”) about recognition of professional qualifications in the Czech Republic is Centre for Recognition of Professional Qualifications.

The Centre provides information about recognition of professional qualifications and application of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications in the Czech Republic.
The Centre coordinates the activities of recognition authorities and represents the Czech Republic in the Group of coordinators, which is chaired by the European Commission, as well as in the Committee for the recognition of professional qualifications.

- **Ministerstvo školství, mládeže a tělovýchovy** (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports)
  - **Centrum uznávání odborných kvalifikací** (Centre for Recognition of Professional Qualifications)
  - **Odbor dalšího vzdělávání** (Adult Education Department)

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  Web: www.msmt.cz

  The Centre maintains a database, which contains a list of regulated professions and activities in the Czech Republic. For each profession there are qualification requirements for its practice, the relevant recognition body and the legal regulation governing the profession in the Czech Republic. The database also contains information about the recognition procedure, application form for recognition of a professional qualification, texts of the Directive and of the Act on recognition of professional qualification, and other important information and links (see www.msmt.cz).

  The contact point is as well **Ministerstvo průmyslu a obchodu** (Ministry of Industry and Trade) due to the highest number of regulated professions in its administration.

- **Ministerstvo průmyslu a obchodu** (Ministry of Industry and Trade)
  
  Na Františku 32
  110 15 Praha 1
  Tel.: +420 224 851 111
  Fax: +420 224 811 089
  E-mail: posta@mpo.cz
  Web: www.mpo.cz

  Information in other EU and EEA countries and Switzerland is provided by the national contact points listed in Annex 2 and at [http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/links_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/links_en.htm)

**Competent recognition authorities**
The list of competent recognition authorities is listed in Annex 1 and at [www.msmt.cz](http://www.msmt.cz).

**Advisory bodies**
The Centre for Recognition of Professional Qualifications and the competent authorities cooperate with two advisory bodies.

**Centre for Equivalence of Documents about Education – NARIC CR**, which is a part of the Centre for Higher Education Studies, has been a member of the EU NARIC network since 1997. At the request of a Czech recognition body, it provides an expert opinion on higher education degrees submitted for recognition. The opinion concerns the status of the higher education institution, which issued the diploma, the level of higher education achieved and might also contain assessment of the scope and content of the higher education qualification with regard to the qualifications required for the performance of a specific profession in the Czech Republic. The opinion is not binding upon the recognition body.
NARIC provides information concerning higher education qualifications in the Czech Republic to partner NARICs in EU countries and in this way facilitates recognition of the professional qualifications of Czech citizens abroad.

Address:

- **Centrum pro studium vysokého školství, v.v.i.** (Centre for Higher Education Studies)
  Centre for Equivalence of Documents about Education – ENIC/NARIC
  U dvou srpů 2024/2
  150 00 Praha 5
  Tel.: + 420 257 011 335
  Fax: + 420 257 531 672
  E-mail: naric@csvs.cz
  Web: www.naric.cz

- **The National Institute for Technical and Vocational Education (NUOV)** is an advisory body for qualifications of elementary and higher professional education. At the request of the competent recognition authority the NUOV provides an expert opinion concerning the level of acquired education or the content and scope of education with respect to the qualifications required for the performance of a specific profession in the Czech Republic. Same as for the higher education, the opinion is not binding the recognition body. NUOV co-operates with similar institutions abroad.

Address:

- **Národní ústav odborného vzdělávání**
  (The National Institute for Technical and Vocational Education)
  Weilova 1271/6
  102 00 Praha 10
  Tel.: + 420 274 862 251 – 6
  Fax: + 420 274 863 380
  E-mail: nuov@nuov.cz
  Web: www.nuov.cz
Directive 2005/36/EC introduces in its articles 5 to 9 completely new general legal regulation on providing services in the field of regulated professions. Recognition of professional qualification Act was in its Section 5 (which up to now governed the matter in question with compliance with the Articles 49 and 50 of the Treaty) amended in the appropriate way.

Great deal of regulation according the articles 5 to 9 of the Directive 2005/36/EC is optional and some clauses are explicitly bind to limited sorts of professions. Still, most of the content of aforementioned Directive articles was transposed into the Recognition of professional qualification Act. Such provisions create a common frame to which special acts regulating individual activities may refer. However, special requirements, sourcing from the individual nature of the regulated activities, set out in the Directive, are to be transposed into special norms regulating the respective professions if needed (e.g. requirement of personal integrity as for the professions in the security branch according Article 7, paragraph 2, lit. e) or provision of information according Article 9).

The Recognition of professional qualification Act introduces in its Section 36a legal institute – declaration, which considers temporal or occasional provision of services as authorized, naturally with the exception of cases, where special Acts set out check of professional qualification. Authorization of provision of services shall not exist in the respective area, if the declaration shall not meet the requirements according the Administrative procedure act (Section 37) or if all necessary documents shall not be attached.

If such requirements are not fulfilled, the provision of services is unauthorized and the applicant must be informed about this consequence. Unauthorized provision of services is sanctioned according the Recognition of professional qualification Act. Anyhow, Section 36a allows the applicant to recognize his/her qualifications in the Czech Republic according Sections 6-18 of the Act.

Notification form is available at websites www.msmt.cz

The content of Section 36b is a check of professional qualification. The term “check” reflects the different nature of professional qualification assessment in the meaning of interstate provision of services (that is to say that in the general system of professional qualification assessment within the context of establishment is used other term – recognition of professional qualification). According the Article 7, paragraph 4 of the Directive, a prior check of professional qualification may be applied before the first provision of service and only if the service may represent a threat to public health or safety. Such check is set out generally, not even defining the regulated activities falling within this regime. These aims have special norms, which, in case of provision of regulated activities under their competence, have to determine, whether declaration or check is needed before the first provision of the respective service. If the professional qualification of the respective applicant was previously recognized or checked, the request for check may not be raised. Of course, if the statutory conditions for provision of the respective profession were not amended in the meantime and the effect of the previously issued decisions on recognition is not expressly laid down in the transient provisions.
Suggested provision is in compliance with the Article 7.4 of the Directive, which primarily determines the periods for the issue of the respective decision. The period for the issue of decision on check commences when the complete application is delivered. On the contrary to general administrative procedure, the periods are, with respect to the Directive, set out for “notification” of the applicant about the decision not for “decision making”. There are cases, where the threat to public health or safety is insignificant or the applicant has a high reputation in the particular branch. Due to these reasons the competent authorities refrain from the check procedure.

The requirements laid down in Section 24, paragraph 1, 2, 3 and 6 of the Act no. 18/2004 Coll. shall be applied accordingly to positive, negative or conditioned check decisions. If the applicant proves meeting with the requirements of the common platform (legal term used in the Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Act) or has a evidence of qualification which is recognized automatically in the EU, than a positive declaration decision is issued and delivered to the applicant without any delay. If the conditioned decision on recognition of the professional qualifications is issued (the applicant has to prove lack of skills), the respective authority usually obliges the applicant to take the aptitude test. According the Directive, the aptitude test shall not be the only way how to prove the qualification. Due to non existing experience from the practical application, the proposal includes the principle that the qualification may be proven by any ‘other appropriate means’.

Naturally, if there is such a substantial difference between the professional qualification of the applicant and the training required in the Czech Republic that it may threaten the public health or safety; the qualification shall not be recognized/checked.

If a) the positive decision on check of professional qualifications is issued; b) there is no need to check the qualifications; c) the aptitude test is successfully passed or other appropriate measures are found sufficient, or in the case of absence of a reaction of competent authority, the service may be provided in the compliance with the Directive 2005/36/EC on the statutory basis (Section 36, paragraph 6). Positive decision on check of professional qualifications, same as the decision issued after passing the aptitude test or acceptance other appropriate measures have the same effect as the decision on recognition of professional qualifications according Section 24, paragraph 1 and 6 of the Act.
The Competent Recognition Authorities in the Czech Republic

Annex 1

- **Česká advokátní komora**
  (Czech Bar Association)
  Národní 16, 110 00 Praha
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  Fax: +420 224 932 989
  Email: sekr@cak.cz

- **Česká komora architektů**
  (Czech Chamber of Architects)
  Josefská 34/6, 118 00 Praha
  Tel.: +420 257 535 034
  Fax: +420 257 532 285
  Email: cka@cka.cc

- **Česká komora autorizovaných inženýrů a techniků činných ve výstavbě**
  (Czech Chamber of Certified Engineers and Technicians)
  Sokolská 15/1498, 120 00 Praha
  Tel.: +420 227 090 111
  Fax: +420 227 090 120
  Email: ckait@ckait.cz

- **Český báňský úřad**
  (Czech Mining Authority)
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  Tel.: +420 221 775 311
  Fax: +420 221 775 363
  Email: sbs.cbu@worldonline.cz

- **Česká národní banka**
  (Czech National Bank)
  Na Příkopě 28, 115 03 Praha 1
  Tel.: +420 224 411 111
  Fax: +420 224 412 404, +420 224 413 708
  Email: podatelna@cnb.cz

- **Český telekomunikační úřad**
  (Czech Telecommunication Office)
  Sokolovská 219, P.O. BOX 02, 225 02 Praha
  Tel.: +420 224 004 111
  Fax: +420 224 004 830
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- **Český úřad zeměměřický a katastrální**
  (Czech Office for Surveying, Mapping and Cadastre)
  Pod Sídlištěm 1800/9, 182 11 Praha
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  Fax: +420 284 041 204
  Email: cuzk@cuzk.cz

- **Drážní úřad**
  (Rail Authority)
  Wilsonova 80, 121 06 Praha
  Tel.: +420 224 641 840
  Fax: +420 224 641 831
  Email: drazni.urad@du-praha.cz

- **Energetický regulační úřad**
  (Energetic Regulation Office)
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- **Komora auditorů ČR**
  (Czech Chamber of Auditors)
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- **Komora daňových poradců ČR**
  (Czech Chamber of Tax Advisers)
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  Email: kdp@kdpcr.cz

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  (Czech Chamber of Patent Attorneys)
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  Fax: +420 549 256 407
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- **Ministerstvo dopravy**
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Ministerstvo vnitra (Ministry of the Interior)
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  **EU Member States:**
  http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/qualifications

- Information about regulated professions:
  
  **Database of regulated professions in the Czech Republic:**
  http://uok.msmt.cz/ru_list.php

  **Database of regulated professions in other EU states:**

  www.naric.cz - Centre for Equivalence of Documents about Education – ENIC/NARIC
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- Information about EU
  
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