



GUIDELINES FOR EU CITIZENS TO REGISTER AS NURSES / MIDWIVES WITH THE COUNCIL FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES OF MALTA (CNM)

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Section One

Introduction

These guidelines explain the process and requirements of online registration of EU citizens with the Council for Nurses and Midwives (CNM) of Malta, as First Level Nurses in terms of Chapter 464 of the Laws of Malta.

Qualifying Criteria

1. The applicant must satisfy the criteria as stipulated in the Health Care Professions Act (HCPA) or EU Directive 2005/36/EC, 2013/55, Automatic Recognition, Acquired Rights or General System
2. The applicant must upload a recently issued document from the relevant authority of his home Member State or the Member State from which the foreign national comes (if applicable), demonstrating the clean conduct of the applicant dated less than 3 months prior to submitting application,
3. The applicant must apply for registration through of the Council's online system [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/regcouncil/cnm/Pages/Contact-us.aspx)
4. The applicant must abide by these guidelines, if in default the Council will not initiate the review of the application. Any expense will be incurred by the applicant and
5. Applicants for registration with the CNM who have been qualified in an EU country must satisfy the Council that they have the necessary knowledge of English or Maltese to communicate effectively and safely in the practice of their profession.

Disqualifying Criteria

1. Training not in line with EU Directive 2005/36 and 2013/55 Article 10 of Directive 2005/36/EU and the latest edition of the Maltese HCPA
2. A criminal record

Section Two

The Process

Eligibility for registration is determined primarily on the basis of- the documents submitted to the CNM. At this stage qualifications and training are reviewed and considered in view of:

- a. EU Directive 2005/36/EC and 2013/55. This Directive sets out the minimum training standards for nurses and midwives to practise in their country of training and across the EU. Eligibility for registration is determined primarily on the basis of the documents implementing the EU standards for the training of general nurses and midwives. Please refer to annex 1 which lists countries in the EU and EEA which have implemented the training standards in the Directive To check what date your country implemented the Directive,. This date is known as the *reference date*. If you trained in one of these countries on or after the *reference date* then you may also have an automatic right for registration. EU/EEA trained nurses are covered by the automatic recognition, acquired rights or general system provisions of the EU Directive 2005/36/EC¹.

The application should be accompanied with all the documents indicated in the respective section together with the application form. Documents are to be submitted preferably in the English or Maltese language; Documents may be submitted on line by assessing the following link :-

[Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](http://gov.mt)

If the applicant is already registered with a council in any EU Member State, he or she [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](http://gov.mt) may apply for registration as a 1st Level nurse through the above mentioned link, however if the applicant is seeking to be registered for the first time in any EU Member State, he/she may be asked to present the documents to the Registrar for verification.

¹ Automatic recognition If you trained in an EU country, as a general nurse or a midwife, then your training may meet the “automatic recognition route to registration” set out in the Directive. If you started your training on or after your country’s reference date, we may be able to automatically register you when you apply to register as a nurse or midwife.

Acquired rights If you trained in the EU or EEA, you may have “acquired rights” to registration based on your post-registration employment experience as a general nurse or midwife. To check this, please contact the Council of Nurses and Midwives, Malta.

General System A full education assessment will be conducted for EU/EEA trained persons who do not benefit from automatic recognition or acquired rights

Should an applicant be requested, during the assessment of his/her application, to submit further documents and fails to comply with the requests within three months from the date that such documents have been requested, it is normal practice for the relative application not to be considered further.

When all the requested documents are submitted, the application is forwarded to the designated sub-committee who will in turn forward their recommendations to the CNM. The Council will only communicate with the applicants. No information will be given to third parties, including agencies unless written consent is provided.

The Council for Nurses and Midwives of Malta reserves the right to refuse to consider an application if the above process is not respected. Applications which do not contain a full set of documents together with the prescribed form duly filled shall not be processed. All documents submitted with the application will become the property of the Council and cannot be retrievable by the applicant.

All data is processed in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and Maltese Data Protection Legislation.

The Language

Following the recognition of the professional qualifications, the applicants' Language proficiency will be assessed. This assessment will be based on any evidence of knowledge of English or Maltese language provided by the applicant. Such evidence may consist of but is not limited to:

- At least a primary nursing qualification undertaken in English or Maltese, during the past 5 years
- At least 1 year work experience in a country where English is the Primary or National Language, within the last 5 years
- IELTS certificate with an average score of at least 6
- Occupational English Test (OET) level B
- Certificate of Ordinary level in the English Language Level B grade or
- TOEFL (IBT): 60-80 or B2

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OR

Proof of proficiency in the Maltese language

- Ordinary level certificate with a grade of at least B in Maltese
- Any other proof which confirms that you are able to communicate effectively in English or Maltese

The above is being requested to ensure patient safety.

The Categories

EU Applications for Registration with CNM fall within 4 categories and can be submitted through the Council's online system :- [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](http://gov.mt)

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—Trained in Malta—

Applicants who have just completed a Degree or Diploma course pursued in any of the recognised Educational Institutions in Malta and /or finished the Enrolled nurse to Staff nurse Conversion Course held by the Department of Health must submit the following documents:

1. Application for registration through the Council's online system [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](http://gov.mt)
2. Evidence of formal qualification such as Degree or Diploma certificate in nursing / midwifery.
3. The applicant must upload a recently issued document from the relevant authority of the Member State demonstrating the clean conduct of the applicant ;
4. Fee of €13.20. Kindly read section 3 for the method of payment.

—Trained in EU/EEA: Automatic Recognition or Acquired Rights—

EU/EEA trained and registered, automatic recognition or acquired rights provisions of the EU Directive 2005/36/EC /Article 10 of EU Directive 2005/36/EC. If a person is already registered with a Nursing Council in any European Member State, the following documents are to be submitted:

1. Application through the Council's on line system [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](http://gov.mt)
2. Verification certificate of good standing from all the registering bodies/competent authorities where you are registered as a nurse /midwife, issued not earlier than three months of application date (and when the registering bodies/ competent authorities do not issue the document referred, such documents shall be replaced by a declaration on oath - or, in States where there is no provision for declaration on oath, by a solemn declaration - made by the person concerned before a competent judicial or administrative authority or, where appropriate, a notary or qualified professional body ; such authority or notary shall issue a certificate attesting the authenticity of the declaration on oath or solemn declaration)
3. Verification of good communication skills (please refer to Language section)

4. The applicant must upload a recently issued document from the relevant authority of his home Member State or the Member State from which the foreign national comes (if applicable), demonstrating the clean conduct of the applicant
5. Copy of official Identification document
6. Receipt of the relevant fee of €13.20. Kindly read section 3 for the method of payment.

—Trained in EU/EEA and registering for the first time—

EU/EEA trained and not registered fall under the automatic recognition provisions of the EU Directive 2005/36/EC. Applicants who are seeking registration as a nurse for the first time in any Member State are to apply through the Council's on line system [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](#)

The following documents are to be submitted:

1. Application for registration through the Council's on line system
2. Evidence of formal qualification such as Degree or Diploma certificate in nursing / midwifery;
3. Verification of- good communication skills (please refer to language section)
4. The applicant must upload a recently issued document from the relevant authority of his home Member State- or the Member State from which the foreign national comes (if applicable), demonstrating the clean conduct of the applicant
5. Copy of Identification document
6. Receipt of the relevant fee of €13.20. Kindly read section 3 for the method of payment.

—Trained in EU/EEA: general system—

EU/EEA trained before the reference date for your country and you do not meet the automatic recognition or acquired rights. A full education assessment will be conducted on your application.

The following documents are to be submitted through [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](#)

1. Application for registration through the Council's online system
2. Degree or Diploma certificate
3. Documentation showing the applicant's Professional Portfolio and/or the applicant's Portfolio of Academic Studies and Practical Training associated with

the Profession and in relation with the professional syllabus performed by the applicant's Institution

4. Verification of good communication skills (please refer to Language section)
5. The applicant must upload a recently issued document from the relevant authority of his home Member State or the Member State from which the foreign national comes (if applicable), demonstrating the clean conduct of the applicant dated less than 3 months prior to submission of your application for registration
6. Copy Identification document
7. Receipt of the relevant fee of €13.20. Kindly read section 3 for the method of payment.

The Register's special parts

If you trained in another division of the Register, you may apply for registration within specific parts of the register, in line with Subsidiary Legislation 458.17 – Register and Roll of Nurses (Special Parts) Regulations:

Children's nurse
Psychiatric nurse
Intellectual disability nurse

Temporary and occasional Provision of Services

Nurses in General Care / Midwives who will be providing occasional and temporary services are only to submit a letter requesting temporary registration, copy of their Identity Card or Passport and a copy of their registration certificate.

Section Three

Methods of Payment

The registration fee for EU citizens is €13.20 (Legal Notice 178/2008).

No applications will be accepted without the relative registration fee. This fee can be paid through our on line system [Nurses and Midwives Council \(gov.mt\)](#) or in case of difficulty payments may also be effected through bank transfer and a copy of the receipt of payment is to be sent by email to cnm.sph@gov.mt as per details below
Payments through a bank transfer in favour of the Council for Nurses and Midwives quoting account number 8203 8304 G02.

Bank Transfers should be forwarded to:

Bank Name: Central Bank of Malta

Account Number: 40001EURCMG5001H

IBAN: MT55MALT011000040001EURCMG5001H

BIC: MALTMTMT

Applicants have to scan and send the bank statement showing that the transfer was successful and if possible the receipt of payment. Any bank charges or any other charges are to be incurred by the applicant. Receipts are only valid for three months as shown on the date of the receipt or bank statement. If three months from this date have elapsed, applicants have to effect payment again. Registration fees are invariably not refundable.

General Information

If the applicant is eligible or not eligible for registration he or she shall be notified without unnecessary delay.

Annex 1: Countries in the EU and EEA which have implemented the training standards in the Directive.

Country	Reference date for General Nursing	Reference date for Midwifery
Austria	01 January 1994	01 January 1994
Belgium	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Bulgaria	01 January 2007	01 January 2007
Cyprus	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Croatia	01 July 2013	01 July 2013
Czech Republic	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Denmark	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Estonia	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Finland	01 January 1994	01 January 1994
France	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Germany	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Greece	01 January 1981	23 January 1983
Hungary	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Iceland*	01 January 1994	01 January 1994
Ireland	01 January 1973	01 January 1973

Italy	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Latvia	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Liechtenstein*	01 May 1995	01 May 1995
Lithuania	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Luxembourg	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Malta	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Netherlands	29 June 1979	23 January 1983
Norway*	01 January 1994	01 January 1994
Poland	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Portugal	01 January 1986	01 January 1986
Romania	01 January 2007	01 January 2007
Slovakia	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Slovenia	01 May 2004	01 May 2004
Spain	01 January 1986	01 January 1986
Sweden	01 January 1994	01 January 1994
Switzerland**	01 January 2002	01 January 2002
United Kingdom	29 June 1979	23 January 1983

Countries marked with an asterix (*) are not members of the EU but are members of the EEA.

**Switzerland, while not an EEA member, has mutual recognition of nursing and midwifery qualifications

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