

Authorisation of veterinary surgeons

A veterinary surgeon who is a citizen of an EU/EEA country and who has taken their veterinary degree in the EU/EEA can immediately be authorised as a veterinary surgeon in Denmark.

The Danish regulation is Executive Order No 1176 of 11 October 2007 on access to the pursuit of the professional activities of a veterinary surgeon in Denmark for EU and EEA citizens. This Executive Order implements elements of EU Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications.

EU/EEA citizens are covered by the Directive, although citizens from countries outside the EU/EEA area who have taken their degree in an EU/EEA country can generally be authorised in Denmark.

If the applicant took their degree before a reference date specified for each EU country in the abovementioned Directive, in order to achieve authorisation the applicant must have pursued the profession of veterinary surgeon for at least three consecutive years during the past five years.

Application

No application form is used for the authorisation of veterinary surgeons with an EU qualification. The relevant documentation as stated below should be sent to the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration. The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration sends the veterinary surgeon's oath to the applicant, who signs and returns it.

Documentation

- Diploma or other evidence of qualification in accordance with Council Directive 2005/36/EC.
- If the degree was completed before a reference date set in the Directive and thus does not comply with the minimum requirements of the Directive, a certificate must be submitted, issued by the competent authority in the country concerned, which confirms that the applicant has pursued the profession of veterinary surgeon for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the certificate being issued.
- Certificate of good professional standing
- Proof of name, date of birth and nationality (preferably a copy of relevant passport pages).

The documentation must be provided in the form of original documents or as certified copies in the original language as well as in Danish or English translation, confirmed by a public authority, embassy, trade organisation or similar.