



Process of nostrification and obtaining a professional license for general practitioners and medical specialists with qualifications from third countries

This information refers only to the nostrification and gaining of a professional license regulation. A "Red-White-Red Card" can only be issued when the professional license has been granted after nostrification*. Information on immigration to Austria can be found at www.migration.gv.at. Multilingual information on settlement and access to the labour market: <https://www.migrant.at/informationsblaetter/>.

Process:

1. Information und initial consultation

- Contact point (AST Anlaufstelle) for people who gained professional qualifications abroad <http://www.anlaufstelle-erkennung.at/anlaufstellen>
- Medical Universities – Vienna, Graz or Innsbruck



2. Preparation

- compilation of documents, if necessary legalization
 - certified translations need to be provided
 - clarify funding
- German language courses (B2-certificate is necessary for applying for nostrification at the Medical University Vienna and for obtaining a professional license after the nostrification) and courses in medical terminology



3. Application for nostrification at one of the three Medical Universities

- nostrification tax € 150.00



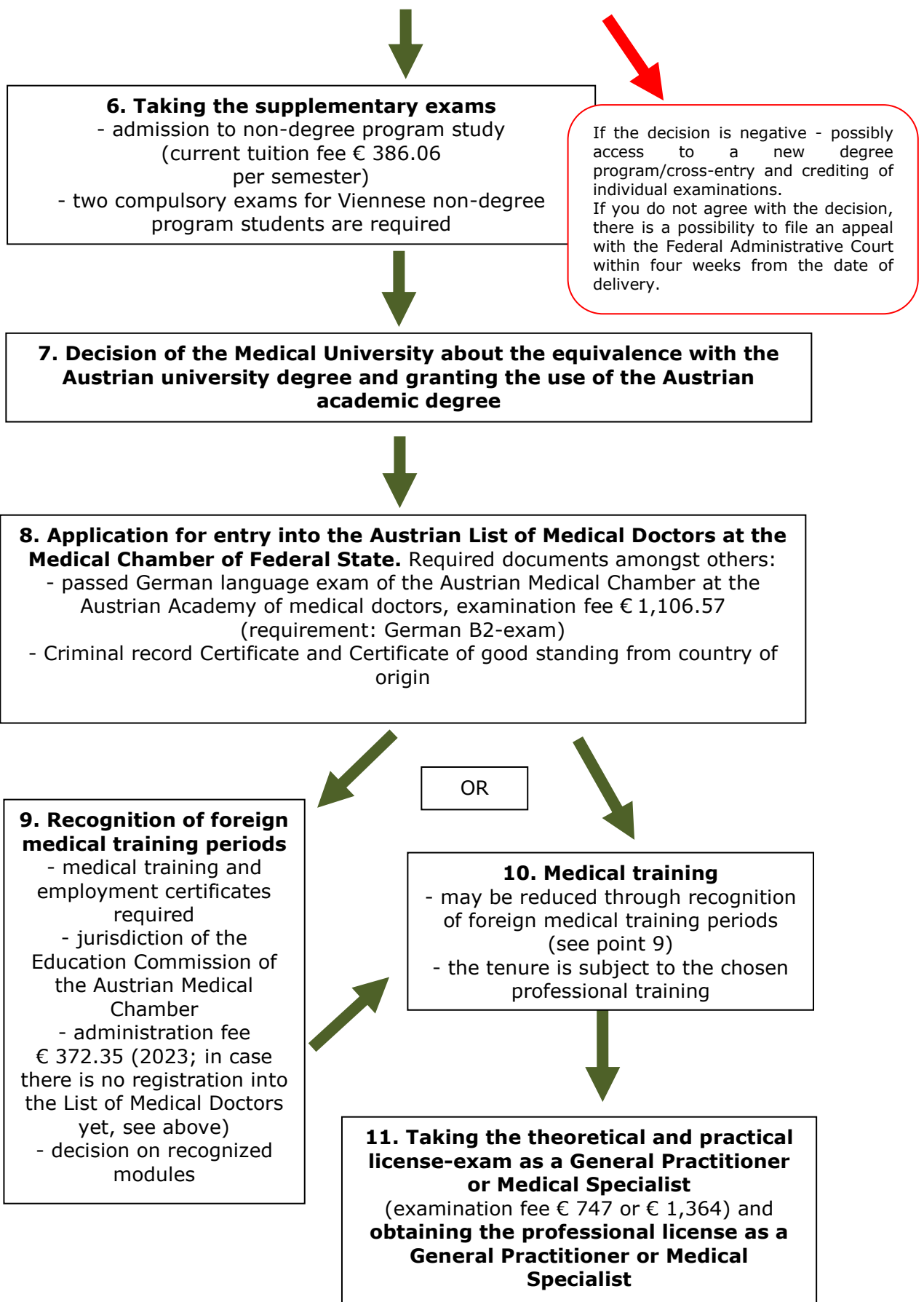
4. Preliminary proceedings

- comparison of curricula by the university
- participation at random sample test (joint appointments for all universities three times a year) – sufficient knowledge of medical German is necessary



5. Decision of nostrification

- supplementary exams
- deadline to meet requirements
- admission to non-degree (extraordinary) program study



Notes to nostrification and obtaining of professional license for general practitioners and medical specialists with qualifications from third countries:

1. Requirement: The study of general human medicine completed in a third country must be fundamentally equivalent to the Austrian study in terms of scope, subjects and extent.
2. Compilation of documents if available:
application form, diploma, transcript (incl. information about type of lessons, duration of academic hour etc.), thesis/academic work and abstract, B2-certificate of German language (Medical University of Vienna), residence registration form or postal delivery authorisation, marriage certificate, passport, curriculum vitae and confirmation that the nostrification is mandatory for the exercise of the profession in Austria (given by the Austrian Medical Chamber). The documents must be notarised (legalization fees should be considered) and a certified translation of the documents (for the Med Uni Vienna translation from Austria) is necessary (in Vienna English version of the documents is accepted). Translations must be firmly attached (sealed) to the original document or a certified copy thereof. Translation costs amount to several hundred euros.

German language courses and courses in medical terminology as preparation for the random sample test are necessary (recommendation: [initiative wnwmedNOST](#)). German B2 exam certificate is required by the application for nostrification in Vienna (various types of language exams are permitted; validity of an exam max. 3 years). B2 German language exam certificate is also needed after the university-recognition process for registration into the Austrian List of Medical Doctors.
3. The application may only be submitted to one selected university. It is not possible to apply for nostrification at another university at the same time or after withdrawal. After a final negative decision for nostrification application, an application at another university may be possible under certain circumstances.
4. The preliminary proceedings start with a comparison of the curricula by the university. After review of the documents and determination of the basic comparability, the written random sample test must be taken, whereby medical knowledge from ten clinical disciplines is tested. Good command of German is essential for the good results (at least 60% in every part of the random sample test must be positive). In 2024, following random test dates are possible:
 - at the Medical University Innsbruck: 31.01.2024 (registration closed),
 - at the Medical University of Vienna: 21.05.2024 (registration until 17.04.2024),
 - at the Medical University of Graz: 25.09.2024 (registration until 28.08.2024).
5. After completion of the preliminary proceedings and the random sample test the decision of the nostrification (additional supplementary exams) and a deadline will be enacted. In case of a final negative ruling nostrification is not possible at the chosen university and an appeal with the Federal Administrative Court can be undertaken (not in case of an application at another university).
6. Once the decision is positive one may enrol as a non-degree study program at the Medical University of application and is independently responsible for the examination dates. The tenure of the nostrification process will vary depending on the number of exams given (in Vienna there is a minimum of two exams: pharmacy and forensic medicine). The given deadline by the university is up to eight semesters, tuition fees are currently € 386.06 per semester.
7. Once all exams are completed the Medical University will give a decision about the equivalence with the Austrian university degree and grant the use of the Austrian academic degree.

8. Entry into the Austrian List of Medical Doctors at the Austrian Medical Chamber in the federal state respectively: before requesting entry into the Austrian List of Medical Doctors the medical German language exam on C1 level at the Academy of Medical Doctors needs to be taken (the language certificate B2 is a pre-requisite in order to undertake the medical German exam) – examination fee € 1,106.57 (repeat exam fee: € 553,28; exam can be undertaken on many dates a year).
9. Partial recognition of foreign medical training periods is possible, other parts of the practical training need to be retaken in Austria. The Education Commission of the Austrian Medical Chamber assesses how far the foreign medical training may be comparable to the medical training periods in Austria (necessary: vocational documents and confirmation from hospitals where the applicant has worked as a general practitioner or medical specialist, etc.)
10. Medical training may be commenced in Austria without the recognition of foreign medical training periods – longer waiting times are to be expected depending on the federal state.
11. Additionally, all applicants need to take the license-exam as a General Practitioner or Medical Specialist after the practical training after the medical training. Examination fees € 747 or € 1,364.

Helpful links:

Nostrification – Medical University of Vienna:

<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/studies-further-education/nostrification/> - German only

Nostrification – Medical University of Innsbruck:

<https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/services/nostrifizierungsablauf.html> - German only

Nostrification – Medical University of Graz:

<https://www.medunigraz.at/en/study-guidance/nostrification>

Requirements for recognition of foreign medical training periods by Austrian Medical Chamber:

<https://www.aerztekammer.at/taking-up-medical-activities-in-austria>

German language exam – Austrian Academy of Medical Doctors:

<https://www.arztakademie.at/sprachpruefung-deutsch> - German only

Information and counselling:

Contact points (Anlaufstellen) for people who gained professional qualifications abroad

<http://www.anlaufstelle-erkennung.at/anlaufstellen>

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