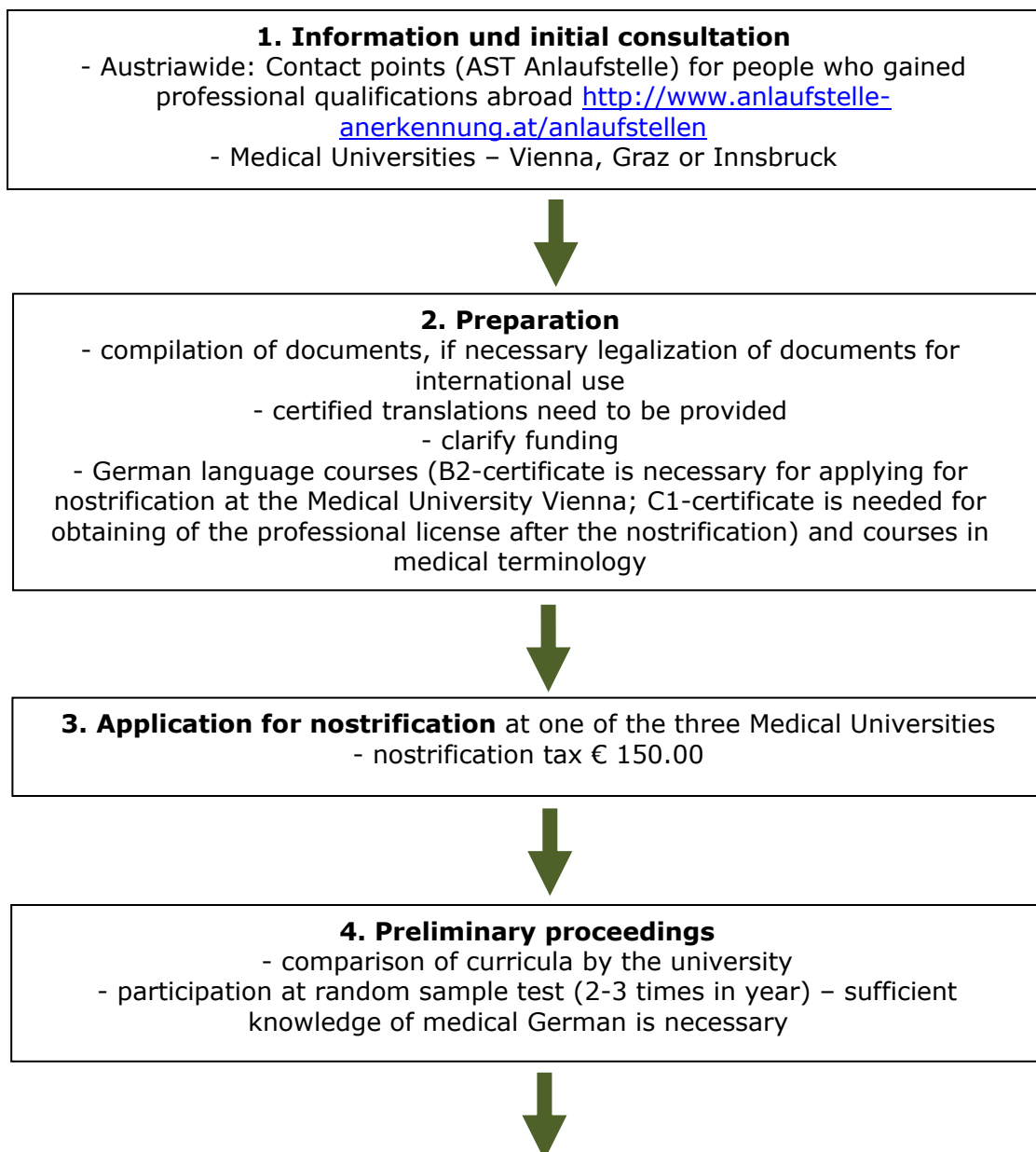


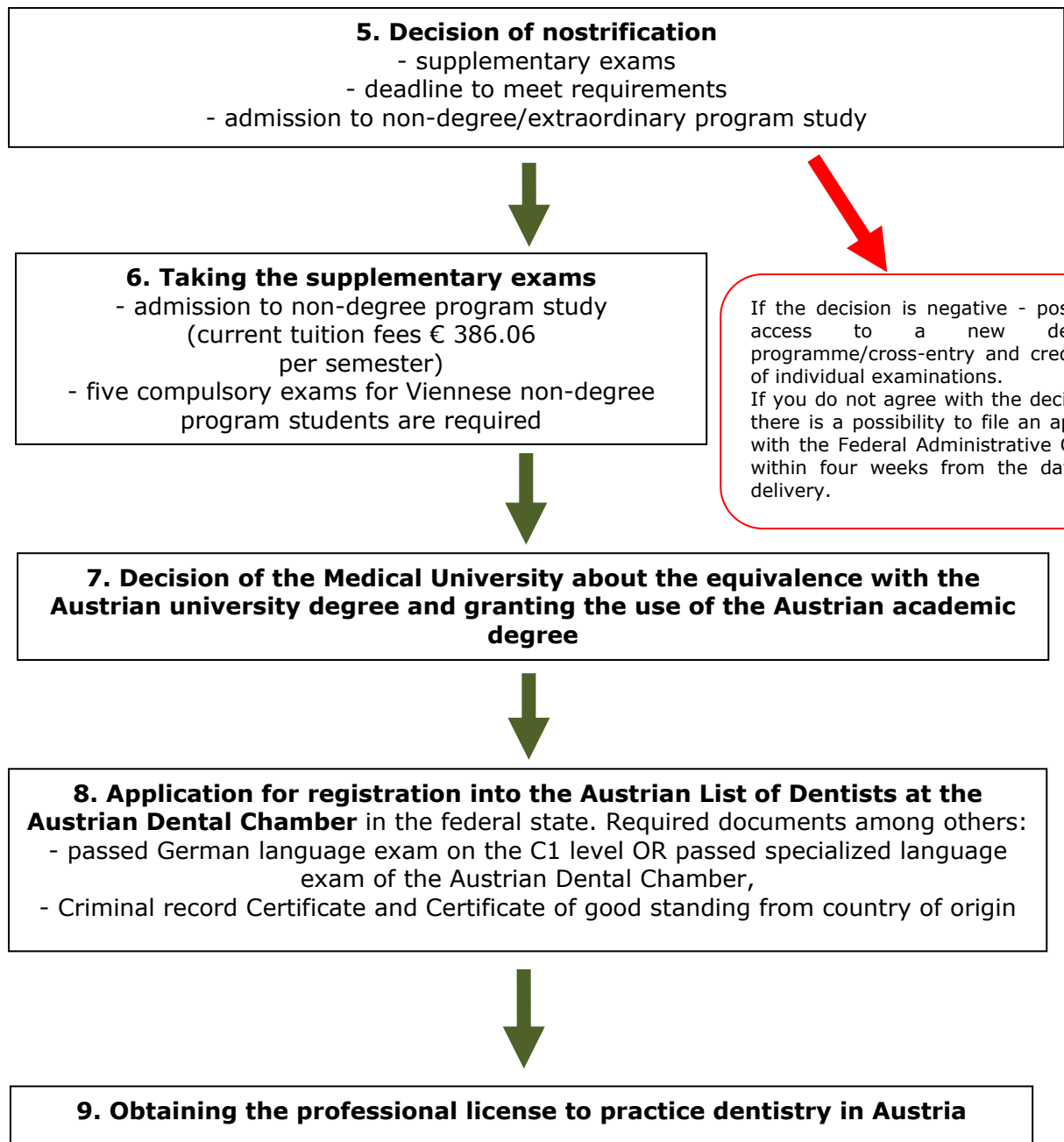


## **Process of nostrification and obtaining a professional license for dentists with qualifications from third countries**

This information refers only to the nostrification and 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](http://www.migration.gv.at). Multilingual information on settlement and access to the labour market: <https://www.migrant.at/informationsblaetter/>.

### **Process:**





\*An employment as dental assistant or prophylaxis assistant is possible with a nostrification decision by the governor of the federal province. If all requirements are met it is possible to receive a "Red-White-Red Card" for this employment.

## Notes to nostrification and obtaining of professional license for dentists with qualifications from third countries:

1. Requirement: the successfully completed studies of dentistry from a third country must be comparable to the Austrian medical degree (equivalent according to length, form, scope etc.).
2. Compilation of documents: application form, diploma, transcript (incl. information about type of lessons, duration of academic hour etc.), thesis/academic work and abstracts, B2-certificate of German language (Medical University Vienna), residence registration form, marriage certificate, passport, curriculum vitae and proof that the nostrification is mandatory for the exercise of the profession in Austria (confirmation of the Austrian Dental Chamber). The foreign 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 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 highly recommended. German B2 exam certificate (many types of B2-exams are permitted; validity of an exam max. 3 years) is required by the application for nostrification at Medical University Vienna. C1 exam certificate is needed after the university-recognition process for the registration into the Austrian List of Dentists.

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 on the nostrification application, an application at another university is allowed.
4. The preliminary proceeding is a comparison of the curricula by the university. After the review of the documents and determination of the basic comparability, the random sample test must be taken, whereby medical knowledge from eleven clinical modules is tested. The results of the random test contribute to the final decision about the nostrification. The test is held 2 to 3 times a year. Good command of German is essential for the good results (at least 60% in every part of the random sample test must be positive).
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. The candidate, as extraordinary student, is independently responsible for the examination dates.
6. Once the decision is positive one may enrol a non-degree study program at the university. The tenure of the nostrification process will vary depending on the number of exams given. In Vienna there is a minimum of five exams: radiology; radiation protection and diagnostics; block 9 within Z-SIP 2; Z-SIP 6; methods of medical sciences and writing a diploma thesis. The given deadline by the university is up to eight semesters. The tuition fees are currently € 386.06 per semester.

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 (but not in the case of a parallel application to another medical university).

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 Dentists at the Austrian Dental Chamber in the federal state respectively: before requesting entry into the Austrian List of Dentists at the Austrian Dental Chamber the medical German language exam on C1 level needs to be taken. Alternatively, a specialized language exam offered by the Austrian Dental Chamber can be

attended (examination fee € 500.00, repeat exam fee €250.00; the exam dates are offered a few times a year). The registration into the Austrian List of Dentists aims the professional license for Austria.

9. As soon as the license is obtained, establishing of one's own dental practice or employment in a dental clinic are possible.

### **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>

Information about the requirements for registration into the Austrian List of Dentists by the Austrian Dental Chamber: <https://www.zahnaerztekammer.at/english>

Departments of the Austrian Dental Chamber in the federal states:

<https://www.zahnaerztekammer.at/oezaek/footer/patientinpatient/lzaek>

### **Information and counselling:**

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

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

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