Job in Denmark

If you are a nurse educated outside Denmark, this is your entree to find information on nurse registration procedure in Denmark, how you can find a job in Denmark and become a member of the DNO.

Danish nursing registration

Foreign educated nurses need a Danish nursing registration before they can work as a nurse in Denmark. Through this link below you can find further information on how to apply and other occupational related issues.

If you want to work as a nurse in Denmark, you must apply for and obtain a Danish authorization / registration as a nurse. In Denmark it is only 'The Danish Patient Safety Authority' that have permission to issue these authorizations.

Application for authorization must take place via 'The Danish Patient Safety Authority'. You can find more information here.

The Danish Patient Safety Authority

The registration authority in Denmark is The Danish Patient Safety Authority (in Danish 'Styrelsen for Patientsikkerhed')

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Temporary registration and trial employment

The opportunity for temporary registration and trial employment is to make it easier for qualified foreign nurses to get employment within the Danish health care system.

In order to have a trial employment arranged, nurses are to obtain a temporary registration which can be assigned to nurses with a nursing education equivalent to the Danish nursing education.

Temporary registration is restricted to 6 months but can be extended to maximum 18 months.

The foreign nurse must find employment at a hospital ward. The professional competences in theory and practice are tested during the trial employment period.

Vacancies & Pension

Vacancies are published on the web page of the Danish Nurses' Organisation (DNO), at sygeplejerskejob.dk and in the Danish Journal of Nursing ("Sygeplejersken"). The journal is only published in Danish and can be bought from the DNO.

In Denmark your employer will pay a certain percent of your wage each month to a pension fund that will be released when you retire or can be transferred to another pension fund later on. The most common pension fund for nurses is PKA, which you can more about on the link: PKA.dk

Membership of the Danish Nurses' Organisation

DNO is the only professional organization for nurses in Denmark. We strongly encourage you to become a member if you gain a job as nurse in Denmark as we then will be able to help you with the professional and organizational issues you might have.

The DNO membership gives you a lot of benefits and advantages, i.e. support from the DNO representatives at your workplace, the DNO emblem, the Journal of Nursing, legal assistance, discounts on shopping, competitive insurances etc.

In any matter do not hesitate in contacting us if you have more questions about nursing in Denmark, registration as a nurse and membership of the DNO.

New to Denmark

There is a official website for foreigners and integration by the Danish Immigration Service, where you can find more information about issues related to coming to and being new in Denmark. You can find it here: New to Denmark

More about the Danish Nurses Organization