

COUNTRY ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE: SPAIN

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The purpose of this guidance is to tell you the criteria that you must meet for us to assess that you hold a professional qualification in social work that is equivalent to the UK qualification standard. The guidance also tells you the sections of the application form you need to complete and the documentary evidence that you need to provide.

The recognition of professional qualifications held by eligible applicants is processed by the SSSC as the competent authority in Scotland in accordance with EU Directive 2005/36/EC. Access to the profession of social work is regulated in Spain; this means that specific qualifications are required in order to practise as a social worker there.

For more information about your rights under the Directive go to:
http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/regprof/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.welcome

If you should apply for registration and do not hold the social work qualification listed below, your application for registration is likely to be refused on training grounds and your application fee not refunded. This is because you have not trained and qualified in social work in Spain.

You can apply for registration as a social worker if you hold the following qualification:

- the Diplomado en Trabajo Social

and

- have completed a minimum of 130 whole days in supervised and assessed social work practice, taking into account your training and relevant post-qualifying social work employment up until the date of your application.

If you have completed less than 130 days, you should delay your application until you have reached this minimum period of employment in a social work role. If you do apply for registration and have not completed 130 days, your application for registration is likely to be refused on training grounds and your application fee will not be refunded.

The assessment process

Your application will be assessed to compare your social work education and training with the United Kingdom standard to see if there are any substantial gaps. If we find that any substantial gaps have not been made up through your relevant post-qualifying social work employment, we may require you to complete a period of additional training in the UK before allowing you to register. Alternatively, you will have the option to request an aptitude test.

Completing Section four: Your social work qualification

You must complete all questions in Parts A and B of Section four (Your social work qualification).

You must provide a verified copy of your qualification certificate. Your qualification certificate must state the title of your qualification, the name of the training establishment where you studied, the name of the awarding body (if different from the training establishment where you studied) and the date that the qualification was awarded.

You must also provide a verified copy of either:

- your course transcript which lists all of the courses studied throughout your training, including supervised and assessed practice placements (and any periods of block placements) and the marks, grades or credits awarded

or

- your Diploma Supplement; available since 2005, a Diploma supplement provides a description of the nature, level, context, content and status of your studies.

Translations and verification of documents

A translation into English is required for all documents. Copies of the document in the original language and the English translation must be checked by your endorser.

For more information, about translations and your endorser's role, see the Guidance for Social Workers who trained and qualified outside Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales applying for registration on the part of the Register for Social Workers.

Supervised and assessed practice in a social work role

If you have not completed a minimum of 130 whole days in supervised and assessed practice in a social work role during your training and you want us to take your relevant post-qualifying social work employment into account to make up this shortfall, make sure you complete question 15 in Part A of Section four. You must also tell us about your work as a social worker in the employment sections of the application form (Sections two and three) from the time that you qualified up until the date of your application.