

Written questions members Island Council for the Executive Council/ Government Commissioners.

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QUESTIONS

1. What is the procedure to qualify to practice dentistry on Sint Eustatius?
2. What licenses/degrees are required?
3. Typically, how long does the procedure take once all required documentation is submitted?
4. Once a dentist has legal documentation from Holland proving that their education from another country is on the same level as the Dutch Dental Education. What will be the next step to begin practicing dentistry?

ANSWERS

1. In order to practice dentistry on St.Eustatius one must comply with the “Besluit bevoegdheid uitoefening van de tandheelkunde BES” (Decree on the exercise of dentistry BES).
2. Article 1a of “Besluit bevoegdheid uitoefening van de tandheelkunst BES” state as follow;
“Except for authorized doctors, the following are exclusively authorized to practice dentistry;
 - a. Those who have acquired the status of dentist in the manner prescribed in the relevant statutory provisions in the Netherland;
 - b. Those who have a certificate listed in Annex V, under 5.3.3 of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications;
 - c. Those who have a certificate in the appendix to this decree, insofar as this certificate was obtained as a result of training that has started after the relevant reference date and if it was issued by an authorized training institution;
 - d. Those who at request of Our Minister, have received a statement to the effect that, on the basis of the training they have received , they are considered competent to practice dentistry.
3. The processing time takes eight (8) weeks maximum.

4. Decree exercising a medical profession BES restricts the establishment of medical professionals BES (see attached).

In accordance with article 3 ;

1. at the request of a practitioner of a medical profession , Our Minister may grant an exemption.
2. An application for an exemption must be submitted by the applicant to Our Minister.
3. Our Minister will make a decision within four weeks of receipt of the request.

Article 6.

2. Our Minister shall obtain advice from the Executive Councils of the public entities about the intention to adopt a ministerial regulation as referred to in the first paragraph.

Process on Island.

The practitioner of dentistry submits a written request to the Executive Council.
This request contains all relevant documentation, such as (1) diploma, (2) certificate of professional qualification and (3) exemption letter as obtained from Minister of Health, Sports and Welfare.

The request should also include:
Intended address of practice
Equipment and material that will be used
Services that will be rendered

The Executive Council is advised by the Public Health Department, this process under normal circumstances should not exceed 2 weeks as of the date the request was filed.