

# **APPROBATION EXAM**

*Doctor, dentist, pharmacist*

**The APPROBATION EXAM** is an examination that must be passed by anyone who has received professional training/education in the field of medicine, dentistry or pharmacy outside the European Union and wishes to practice this profession in the Czech Republic (or in another EU Member State). The examination is used to prove competence to practise the profession.

- ***Application forms, including all documents, can be delivered by post or in person.***
  - o ***Address:*** Ministerstvo zdravotnictví (Palackého náměstí 4, Praha 2, 128 01)
- ***The whole exam is in Czech language only!***
- ***It consists of three parts.***
- *Each candidate is assigned a date for the examination (written or oral part) by invitation letter sent to the contact address provided in the application.*
- *The test must be taken within 30 months of the application.*
- *A candidate may apply for recognition of professional competence to practise the health profession and to take the approbation exam a maximum of five times.*

## **Parts of the exam:**

1. **Written part of the exam** (two tests)
  - a. *A test that verifies professional knowledge.*
  - b. *A test that tests knowledge of the health care system and the basics of law in relation to the provision of health care services in the Czech Republic.*
- A minimum of 70% on each test is required to pass.
- Both written tests are held on the same day.
- Successful completion of the tests is a prerequisite for passing the second practical part of the exam.
2. **Practical part of the examination (practice)** - *performed in an accredited health care facility under the direct professional guidance of a physician, dentist, pharmacist for a period of 6 months* (the working hours are determined by the relevant educational programme of the practical part of the certification examination)
- During the internship, the candidate must prepare 5 case studies, from which the examination committee will select 1 and which the candidate will defend during the oral examination.
- Upon completion of the internship, the candidate will receive a certificate of completion.
  - o If you have failed the practical part, you can retake it no earlier than 1 year after the issuance of a decision not to recognise your professional competence.
  - o The certificate of passing the practical part must be sent to the Ministry together with the application form for the oral part of the aptitude test.
- Successful completion of the practical part is a prerequisite for passing the third oral part of the approval examination.



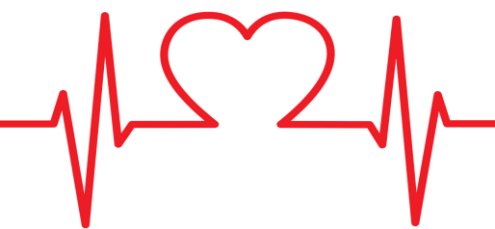
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- [for the approbation exams of doctors here,](#)
- [for the dentists' approbation exams here,](#)
- [for the pharmacists' approbation exams here.](#)

**3. Oral part of the examination** - Verification of professional knowledge in front of the examination board, including the ability to express oneself in the Czech language.

- The defence of the case study counts as a separate part.
  - o In case of failure to defend the study, the participant may continue the oral examination. If the participant is successful in the oral examination, an overall decision of non-recognition of competence will be issued. However, he/she will only defend the case study at the next attempt.

Exam fee		
	Written part	Oral part
1. attempt	3 000 CZK	4 000 CZK
2. attempt	4 000 CZK	6 000 CZK
3. and another attempts	6 000 CZK	9 000 CZK



## Documents that are part of the application:

- **an officially certified translation of a document proving foreign professional education** (university diploma);
- **an officially certified copy of a certificate of recognition of foreign higher education and qualification in the Czech Republic as equivalent to higher education** in an accredited medical master's degree programme in general medicine or dentistry or pharmacy (= a nostrification);
- **proof of the applicant's medical eligibility** - a medical certificate of medical eligibility to practice the relevant medical profession.
  - o must not be older than 3 months when submitted;
- **proof of the applicant's clean criminal record**
  - o must not be older than 3 months when submitted;
- **copy of ID** (not certified);
- **a certified copy of the marriage certificate or proof of change of surname** (if the applicant has changed surname);
- **proof of payment of the administrative fee (2000 CZK)**
  - o it can be paid by bank transfer to the account of the Ministry of Health.



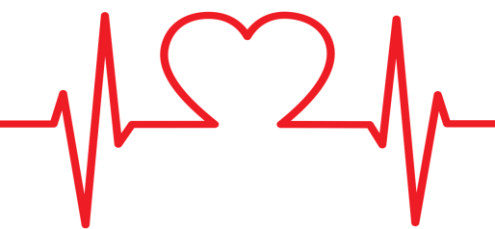
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## **When to submit request and when to submit an application?**

<b>REQUEST</b> <b>(Request for recognition of professional competence to practise the relevant health profession)</b>	<b>APPLICATION</b>
It shall be submitted by the applicant whenever he/she is taking the approbation exam for the first time, repeatedly (after failure) or in cases where the administrative proceedings on the application have been discontinued by order.	The application shall be submitted by a candidate who has already submitted a request and intends to take the written or oral part of the approbation exam after having excused himself/herself from the relevant part of the approbation exam or intends to take the oral part of the exam after having passed the practical part of the exam.

**An invitation will be sent to the candidate for both the written and oral parts of the exam with a specific date. In case you cannot attend on the specified date for serious reasons, you must apologise in writing (not by email!). Excuses from the practical part of the qualification examination are not allowed.**

## **More information about the approbation exam:**

<https://www.mzcr.cz/category/veda-a-lekarska-povolani/akreditace/>



<https://www.ipvz.cz/lekari-zubni-lekari-farmaceuti/aprobacni-zkousky/zakladni-informace-o-aprobacnich-zkouskach>



<https://www.nconzo.cz/cs/aprobacni-zkouska>



The National Centre for Nursing and Other Health Professions (NCO NZO) has been entrusted by the Ministry of Health with the certification examinations for non-medical health professions.



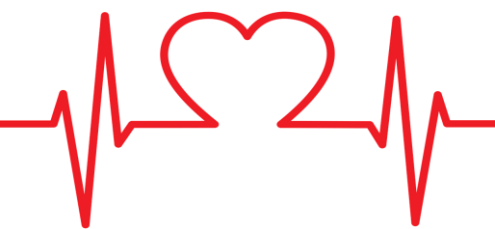
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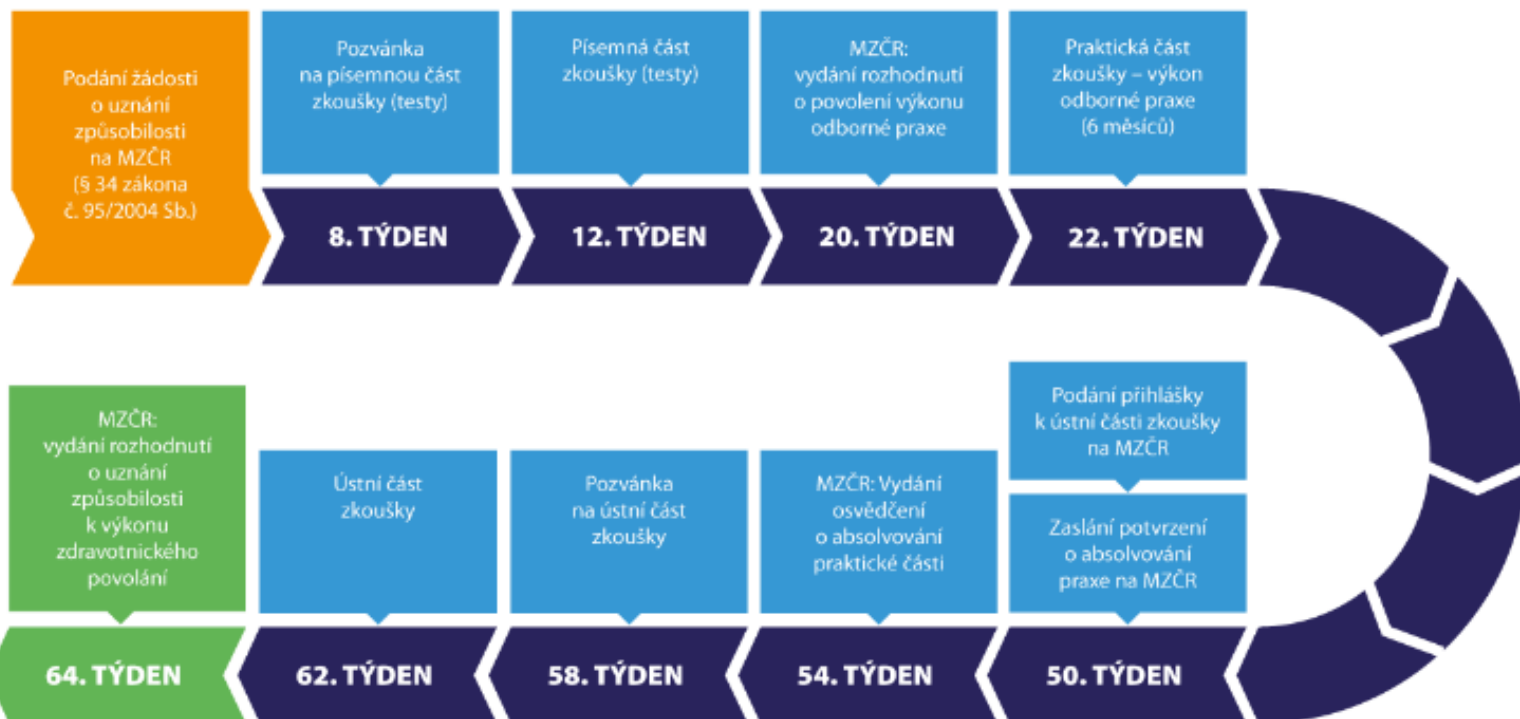
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