



Role of Academic Information Centre in the recognition of professional qualifications in Latvia

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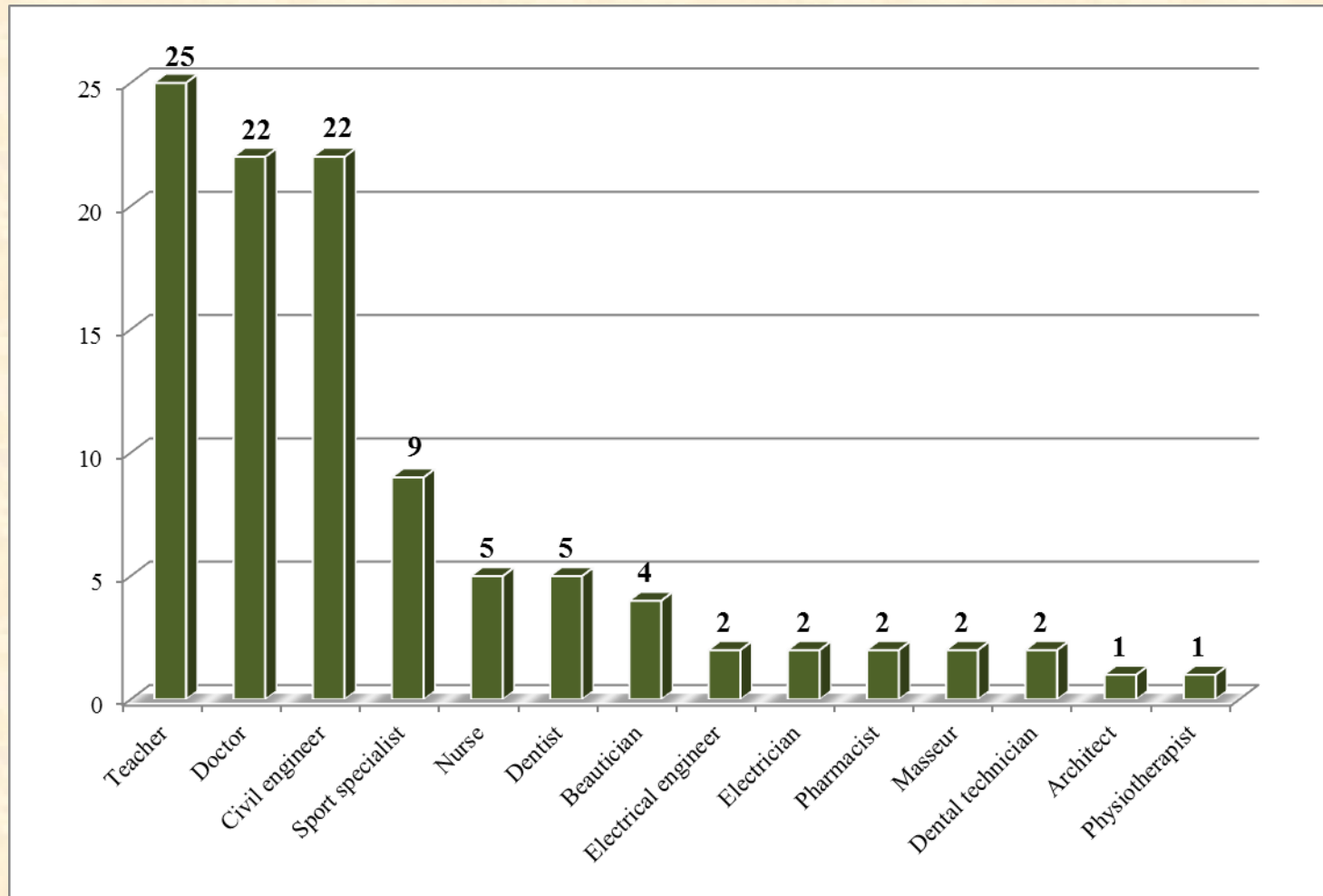
Law on Regulated Professions and Recognition of Professional Qualifications (2001)

- to ensure the conformity of professional activities with specific quality requirements and criteria, if these activities are related to the protection of public interests, the safety and the protection of health
- to protect individual socially important professions from the involvement of unqualified persons therein, determining higher requirements for these professions;
- to ensure the opportunity for professional qualifications obtained in the Latvia to be recognised in foreign states and vice versa
- to promote free movement of persons

Regulated professions in Latvia (69)

Transport	Health care	Others
<p>Driver of power-driven vehicle; Driver of a vehicle carrying dangerous goods by road; Engine driver – instructor; Engine driver (machinist); Engine – driver`s assistant; Master (of the ship); Ship`s engineer; Sailor; Radio specialist(in maritime); Pilot; Flight navigator; Pilot radiotelephone operator; Cockpit flight engineer; Air traffic controller; Civil aviation security inspector; Aircraft technical maintenance specialist; Consultant of dangerous goods transportation.</p>	<p>Medical Doctor; Dentist; Pharmacist; Nurse of general care; Midwife; Doctor assistant; Pharmacist`s assistant; Laboratory assistant; Dental technician; Dental hygienist; Physiotherapist; Ergo therapist; Optometrist; Physiotherapist`s assistant; Ergo therapist`s assistant; Hippo therapist; Hippo therapist`s assistant; Technical orthopaedist; Cosmetician; Dentist assistant; Nurse in dentistry Speech therapist; Radiologist`s assistant Nutrition specialist</p>	<p>Architect; Construction work manager; Construction technician; Veterinarian; Teacher; Sport specialists; Electrical engineer; Electric mounter; Electro technician; Lawyer; Sworn auditor; Sworn land surveyor; Estate surveyor; Welder of metallic materials; Defectoskopist; Tourist guide; Detective; Security officer.</p>

Professional recognition applications by profession in the field of regulated professions, 2015



Law about Academic Information Centre

- provides functions of information institutions in the field of regulated professions where the higher education is compulsory in of Latvia or abroad
- provides and maintain website with actual information on recognition of professional qualifications in regulated professions in Latvia. Website provides information on recognition procedures and relevant regulations.
<http://www.aic.lv/portal/en/arvalstu-diplomu-atzisana/professional-recognition-of-foreign-qualifications-in-latvia>
- Website includes regulated professions data base where more detailed information on regulated professions and recognition is included.
- <http://www.aic.lv/readin/?lang=2>

Law about Academic Information Centre II

- provide consultations and support in the field of regulated professions;
- issue and withdraw European professional card
- cooperate with competent bodies and provide information to other EU countries and vice versa on professional qualification holders which has limited rights or forbidden to practice in concrete regulated profession.

Applicant should submit

- 1) an application;
- 2) copy of passport;
- 3) documents **approving education and professional rights** in profession;
- 4) certificate from competent home institutions on rights to exercise profession;
- 5) certificate on work experience in home state;
- 6) a certificate of good conduct (doctors, nurses, dentists, midwives, pharmacists, architects, veterinary surgeons) not more

- Documents which are not in Latvian should be translated into Latvian.
Documents issued outside EU (except Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Kirgyzstan, Moldova) should be legalised in Latvia.

Dental practitioners (example from directive 36/2005/EC)

- **Basic dental training**

Admission requirement: certificate giving rights to study in university,

At least 5 years full time theoretical and practical studies covering at least programme in annex 5.3.1

- **Specialist dental training**

- Admission requirement: 5 years studies in dentistry should be completed

- Placement: university or medical teaching hospital, or health establishment

- Length: not less than 3 years

Professional qualification recognition procedure in Latvia

- 1) the special system for the recognition of professional qualifications;
- 2) the general system for the recognition of professional qualifications; or
- 3) the recognition of professional qualifications on the basis of the professional experience of the applicant.

Special System for the Recognition of Professional qualifications

- applies to the regulated professions, for which the qualification requirements are determined by the international agreements, i.e., seafaring professions, civil aviation, airport employee professions and following regulated professions as well architect, doctor, dentist, pharmacist, nurse (general care nurse), midwife, and veterinary surgeon
- unified minimum requirements for the acquisition of the evidence of education and formal qualifications in the European Union Member States
- If the home country of the applicant has not joined the international agreements referred to special system, the professional qualification of the applicant shall be recognised only if education and level of professional experience, in terms of the content and duration, does not differ significantly from the requirements specified for the relevant profession in the Republic of Latvia.

General System for the Recognition of Professional Qualifications

- -to the professions referred to Special System for the Recognition of this Law, if the evidence of education and formal qualifications of the applicant does not conform with the requirements for the Special System for the Recognition; and
- -to other regulated professions in the Republic of Latvia.

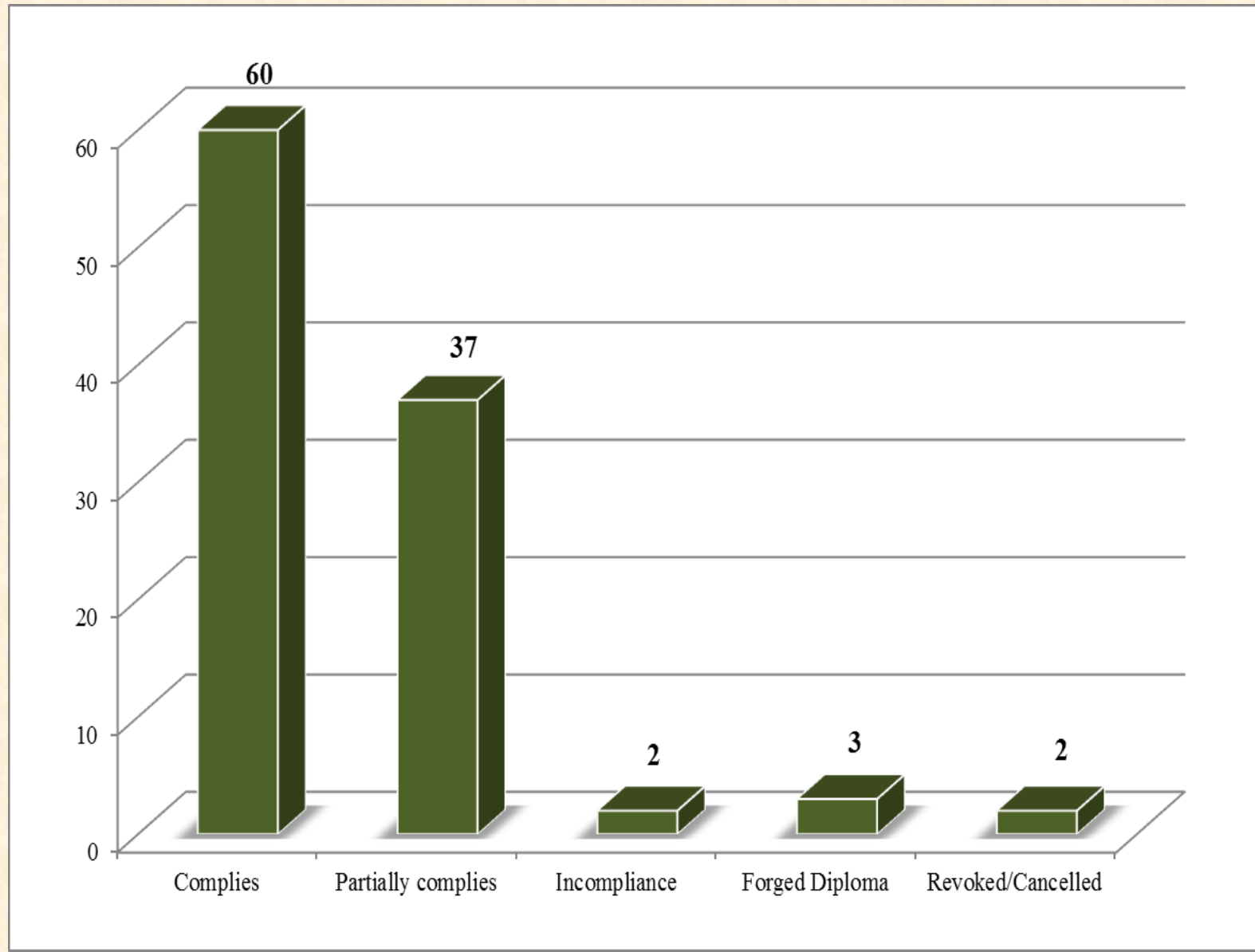
Role of information centre for regulated professions

gathers applications for professional qualification recognition,
assess submitted educational documents and **prepare informative notice** for the competent authority that will come up to the decision on issuing qualification certificate

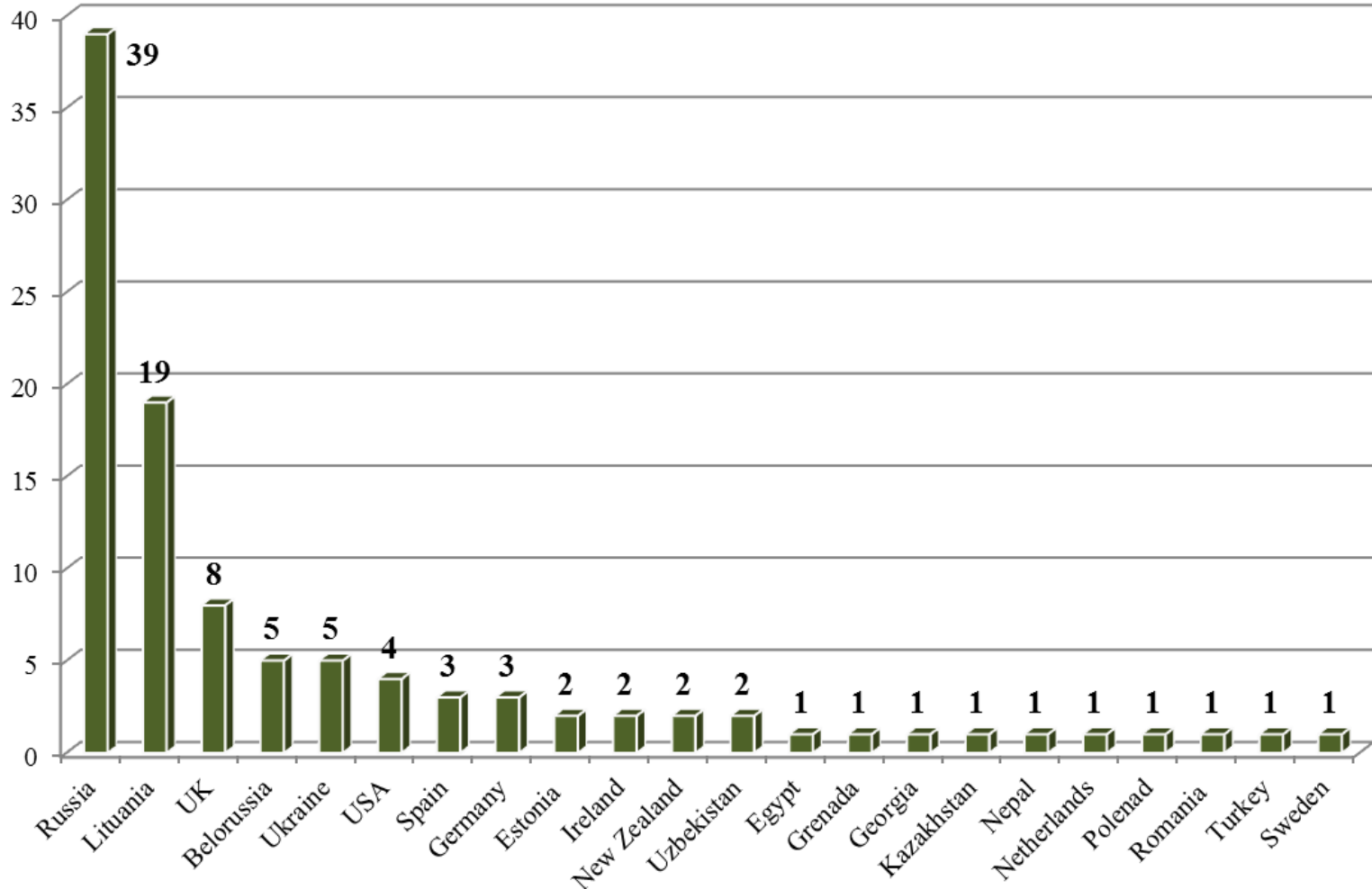
Role of Latvian ENIC/NARIC

- performs the assessment of academic documents,**
- determines the level of the educational document**
- Is higher education institution or study programme quality assured**

Latvian ENIC/NARIC statements in the field of regulated professions, 2015



Professional recognition applications by country in the field of regulated professions, 2015



Conclusions

- ENIC/NARIC has an important role in the recognition of qualifications
- Recognition institutions in the regulated professions should involve ENIC/NARIC on regular basis.

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