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In Austria nursing is regulated by the government, the Federal Ministry of Health and Women. There is no register for nursing professionals. Registration is though compulsory for Midwives only.

The educational Diploma entitles Nurses for the practice of the profession. In order for a nurse to exercise his/her profession he/she needs a three year education programme (4600 hours) covering various fields of education. This is regulated by the legal act of 1997 (Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegegesetz, BGBl. I NR. 108/1997).

Nurses can work as self employed or may be employed by hospitals or other institutions under medical or nursing management supervision.

Up until 31/21/2004 there were 1725 foreign nurses working in Austria, mainly coming from EU25.