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The National Board of Health and Welfare in Denmark was established to promote the possibility of a healthy life for the citizens of Denmark through monitoring, supervision, consultation, administration and development. The board is responsible for coordination and development of supervision in the social services, together with the Danish county administrative boards.

The Board follows up and evaluates reforms, legislation and activities conducted by municipalities, county councils and other organisations. It supports quality assurance in health care and issues certificates of registration to 17 professional groups.

The work includes promoting the development of knowledge and establishing skill, experience and qualification requirements for different staff groups in care and nursing. The National Board of Health holds registers of all groups of health personnel, who are required to be registered (authorised) in order to work in Denmark, incl. nurses and midwives.

Almost 4670 foreign nurses were registered until April 2004 predominately from Central-Eastern Europe.

The Danish education of nurses is a Bachelors degree program of 3½ years and includes 2 years of theoretical education (120 ECTS points) and 1½ years of clinical education (90 ECTS points) within the areas of medical, surgical, obstetric, paediatric, geriatric, psychiatric nursing and home-nursing.