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The Ordem dos Enfermeiros is a public association, free and autonomous in the scope of its attributions, with juridical personality, independent of the State, and representative of nursing graduates who practise nursing in Portugal, in compliance with the principles of their constitution and the applicable legislation.

The main aim of the Ordem dos Enfermeiros is to promote the defense of the quality of nursing care rendered to the population, as well as to develop, regulate and control the practice of nursing, guaranteeing that ethical and professional deontology rules are respected.

The Nurses Deontological Code (Code of Ethics) is included in the Constitution of the Ordem dos Enfermeiros and states that nursing interventions have to guarantee the defence of the freedom and dignity of the human being and of the nurse.

Under mandatory registration almost 49.000 foreign nurses were registered up until April 2005.