**HOW TO BECOME A PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN BELGIUM**

In Belgium we have two linguistic regions that work differently.

In the French-speaking part of the country

Official education depending on the Community Ministry of Education

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Diplomas delivered by official schools are recognised by the French Community Ministry of Education

 Title: *Bachelor in Psychomotricity*

Training: 3 years: 180 ECTS.

Category: Paramedical Higher Education.

* Full time education

<http://www.prov-liege.be> ; <http://www.vinci.be> ; <http://www.isell.be> ; <http://www.condorcet.be> ; <http://www.hepn.be/> ; <http://www.helmo.be>

* Social promotion education:

http://www.cpse-liege.be ; <http://www.prov-liege.be> ; http://www.cesa.be ; <http://www.iort.be>

In the Dutch-speaking part of the country

Students in rehabilitation sciences (5 years; 3 bachelors & 2 masters) can choose in their masters to specialize through a major specialization “psychomotor therapy”.

Students with a « master in kinesiology» (4 years) can specialize in psychomotor therapy with a credit system (one year of specialisation: 60 ECTS).

After both, master’s students can apply for doctoral training at the International Doctoral School for Biomedical Sciences - Leuven. Site: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: http://faber.kuleuven.be

**IS THE PROFESSION REGULATED-PROTECTED IN BELGIUM?**

**-          Protected**:

In Belgium, there is, currently, no law ruling the legal status of psychomotricians.

-          **Regulated**:

In the French-speaking part of the country

The psychomotrician is recognized in the French-speaking Belgian legislation of Mental Health, the elderly, the handicapped and young childhood…. A specific professional profile was approved by the French-speaking Community Ministry of Education.

**Elderly people : Ministerial Decree 6 November 2003**

Fixing the amount and conditions for granting assistance referred to in Article 37 § 12 of the Law on compulsory insurance for health care and benefits, consolidated on 14 July 1994, in nursing homes and care and nursing homes for the elderly

**Mental Health: Walloon parliament: Parliamentary Decree 3rdApril 2009:**

On the approval of mental health services and the recognition of reference centers for mental health grants.

**Handicapped People:**

**Different decrees because of different intervention sectors; the function of the psychomotrician is recognised:** **https://www.awiph.be/**

Psychomotor can work as an independent (liberal).

Since January 2015, a Mutual can give financial intervention for psychomotor sessions given by a graduate psychomotor recognized as such by the Belgian Professional Union of French speaking psychomotrician.

UPBPF and the Federation of Schools work together to the code of ethics of the profession for June 2015.

For the Dutch-speaking part of the country

All psychomotor therapists are university-level physical therapists or physical educators with a specialisation psychomotor therapy.

Physical therapists are not included in the paramedical field but have their own specific status.

## IF I’M NOT EDUCATED AS PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN BELGIUM HOW CAN I WORK?

You have different administrative tasks to do, especially in the French-speaking part of the country. (See “Task to do” for Belgium)

For the Dutch speaking part of Belgium, you have to see equivalences with physiotherapist, physical educators or Occupational therapist

## ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS TO DO IN BELGIUM

Contact the Ministry of Education of Wallonia-Brussels Community to recognize the equivalence of his diploma.

You can apply for jobs in areas that involve psychomotor mental health, elderly, disability sector, and early childhood

In Freelancing, register as self-employed (social contributions) and to be reimbursed for health Mutuality, be recognized by the UPBPF

**CONTACTS AND LINKS IN BELGIUM**

Ministry of Education of Wallonia-Brussels Community

[www.](http://www.equivalences.cfwb.be" \t "_parent)**[equivalences](http://www.equivalences.cfwb.be" \t "_parent)**[.cfwb.be](http://www.equivalences.cfwb.be" \t "_parent)

For freelancing :

<http://www.rsvz.be/fr/index.htm>

[www.upbpf.be](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CAdmin%5CDownloads%5Cwww.upbpf.be)