**HOW TO BECOME A PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN SWITZERLAND**

In order to train as a psychomotor therapist, the admission requirements are:

Upper Secondary Leaving Examination

There are two government approved training institutes:

Hochschule für Heilpädagogik, HfH, Zürich (German)

Haute école de travail sociale, HETS, Geneva (French)

Both curricula are completed after three years full time studying equivalent to 180 ECTS. Part time studying with a maximum of 5 Years is restricted to a number of students. Studies start every academic year in September.

Obtained Title:

Bachelor of Arts HfH Psychomotoriktherapie (German)

Bachelor of Science HES SO en psychomotricité (French)

For the study plan:

http://www.hfh.ch/de/studium/ba--‐psychomotoriktherapie/

[http://www.hesge.ch/hets/formation--‐base/bachelor--‐science--‐en--‐psychomotricite](http://www.hesge.ch/hets/formation--%E2%80%90base/bachelor--%E2%80%90science--%E2%80%90en--%E2%80%90psychomotricite)

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

The title is protected and is recognized by the government:

Dipl. Psychomotoriktherapeutin/Psychomotorktherapeut EDK

Thérapeute en psychomotricité diplomé(e) (CDIP)

**IF I AM NOT EDUCATED AS PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN SWITZERLAND, HOW CAN I WORK ?**

There are no bilateral contracts. The possibility of applying for admission and title recognition with a foreign diploma is in cooperation with the governmental conference of education directory. Information about requirements and costs can be found in the following document:

http://www.edudoc.ch/static/web/arbeiten/diplanerk/mb\_ausl\_heilpaed\_dipl\_d.pdf

If there are not enough therapists with a recognized title, theoretically there might be a possibility to work without a recognized title under the circumstances of a lower salary.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS TO DO IN SWITZERLAND**

Basic information about the "EDK" and the "Swiss Education System" is found in English:

http://www.edk.ch/dyn/11553.php

For other sections such as work and documentation see the German or French website:

German:

http://www.edk.ch/dyn/12933.php

French:

<http://www.edk.ch/dyn/16429.php>

**CONTACTS AND LINKS IN SWITZERLAND**

If anybody from Switzerland would like to work in the EU, it is possible to get an international diploma confirmation:

http://www.edk.ch/dyn/12934.php

For information and documents about recognition of a foreign diploma in Switzerland and working regulations:

http://www.edk.ch/dyn/12933.php