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Belgium: New Recognition System In 2013 For Hospital Pharmacists

In December 2012, two decrees appeared in the Belgian Official Gazette concerning the recognition of the particular professional title of hospital pharmacist. The decrees both form part of the reform of hospital pharmacist training courses and usher in a new recognition that will become operational in 2013

Following consultations with academics and professional associations, a clear consensus emerged that a hospital pharmacist training course should require three years (instead of the current one year). The recently published decrees feature a redesigned recognition system that will become fully operational at the end of June 2013.

In order to ensure a smooth transfer to the new recognition system, the necessary transfer measures have been put in place so that hospital pharmacists recognised under the old system and candidates who have embarked upon a training course in the old system will still fall under that system for some time to come. Transfer measures have also been provided for traineeship supervisors and traineeship services.

For more information on the recognition system please visit: **www.health.belgium.be**

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