

# Foreign qualification assessment

The extract indicates what a foreign qualification is comparable to in the Swedish qualification system. The information can be used when applying for a job or planning for further studies. Decisions regarding employment, admission or formal professional recognition are made by the employer, education provider or competent authority.

## Qualification from Croatia



**Medicinska sestra opće  
njege/Medicinski tehničar opće  
njege (from 2010)**

5-year vocational secondary education in  
nursing

## Swedish comparison



**Yrkesutbildning på gymnasienivå**

Vocational qualification at upper secondary  
level

## About the qualification comparison

UHR assesses the foreign qualification as comparable to a vocational qualification at upper secondary level in Sweden.

The foreign qualification is in a profession that is regulated (requires authorisation) in Sweden. The National Board of Health and Welfare is the competent authority that decides on licences for work as a healthcare practitioner. Please visit [socialstyrelsen.se](https://socialstyrelsen.se)

The foreign qualification does not give access to higher education in Sweden. For information about other ways of meeting the higher education entry requirements, please see [Studera.nu](https://studera.nu).

This assessment is provided as guidance by UHR. It is based on our knowledge of the country's education system and not on the individual's education documents. UHR applies the principles of the international recognition convention Lisbon Recognition Convention and assumes the foreign qualification is recognised in the country of study.

Find out more about [higher education in Sweden and the admission process at Universityadmissions.se](https://www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/croatia/medicinska-sestra-ope-njegemedicinski-tehniar-ope-njege--167/)

## About the Swedish Council for Higher Education

The Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) is Sweden's ENIC-NARIC centre. We have a national task to inform about and evaluate foreign education.

Go to the Qualifications Assessment Tool: [www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/croatia/medicinska-sestra-ope-njegemedicinski-tehniar-ope-njege--167/](https://www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/croatia/medicinska-sestra-ope-njegemedicinski-tehniar-ope-njege--167/).

## To employers

This extract should be used together with an individual's education documents. If you as an employer have questions about foreign education or a job applicant's education documents, you are welcome to contact UHR. E-mail: [utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se](mailto:utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se)



## Facts about Medicinska sestra opće njege/Medicinski tehničar opće njege (5-year vocational secondary education in nursing) (from 2010)

<b>Duration</b>	5 years The qualification is based on 8 years of schooling.
<b>Information about the qualification</b>	The qualification was introduced 2010. The qualification prepares the holder for work as a nurse in Croatia. It comprises two years of general theoretical studies, followed by three years of vocational studies. For access to higher education study in Sweden, an additional state matura examination (državna matura) is required.
<b>National Qualifications Framework (NQF)</b>	<a href="#">Croatian Qualifications Framework (CROQF)</a> The national qualifications framework (CROQF) has 10 levels, where 1 is the lowest and 8.2 is the highest.
<b>NQF level</b>	4.2
<b>EQF level</b>	4

## The level of Swedish qualifications and degrees

Swedish degrees and final grades are placed within reference frameworks that show different levels of learning outcomes. In the figure, the Swedish reference framework SeQF is shown as well as the European reference frameworks that facilitate comparison to other countries. Please note the figure does not contain all Swedish qualifications.

