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#### Country information:

**Population: 65 millions**

**Number of Physiotherapists:**



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- in the association: 4193
- in the country: 75 000 (75 % are private practitioners ; others are salaried)

### Headquarters:

The headquarters of French physiotherapy Federation are located in Paris. The staff number is 40. The FFMKR is a syndicate which includes 98 trade unions from all the French departments. It means we are represented in the whole France. There is a board of directors constituted by 30 persons. There is a chairman, a vice-chairman, a general secretary and a treasurer. The FFMKR holds 4 meetings a year and its annual congress in June.

### Migration Information:

Click here for detailed information regarding the migration procedures for Physiotherapists to:  
[FRANCE](#)

### Physiotherapy Education:

At present, the diploma of State of physiotherapist is recognized Second-year university level for 3 years of studies more 1 preparatory year. It is one of the weakest level in Europe.

The reform proposed by the government confirms this established fact by a rank License (Bachelors degree + 3 for years of studies). The proposed reform does not thus contains real advances.

The quasi-unanimity of the physiotherapists (92 %) asks for a recognition of their diploma at the rank of Masters degree and for one very big majority (59 %), the preservation of the first year common to the studies of health ( PACES).

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THE FFMKR reminds that, if the profession asks 5 years of studies, it is in particular to enhance the basic knowledge and so answers the justifiable expectations of the patients. The rank License (Bachelors degree) cannot satisfy the new requirements and the new missions imposed by the texts of law.

That is why, the French Federation of physiotherapists ( FFMKR) repeats its following proposals :

- The preservation and the generalization of the PACES, as year of training orientation selection.
- 4 years of specific training allowing to invest completely areas of competence and pulling a recognition of the training of the physiotherapists in the Rank Masters degree.

There are 40 schools of physiotherapy in France.

There is 2 495 students admitted in 1st year.

There is no school in our premises but there is an Institute of physiotherapy which provides continuing education. Since one year continuing education is compulsory.

There is a total of 1 860 hours of studies (during the 3 years of school of physiotherapy).

### **Status of profession:**

Professional Title/ Qualification: Diplome d'Etat de Masseur Kinesithérapeute There is a medical code of ethics and professional secrecy is determined by law. The activity of the physiotherapist is also defined by law. The national authority responsible for the physiotherapy profession in France is the Ministry of Health. There is a limit for foreign Physiotherapist employment (approx. 1% of total employment opportunities).

The title is protected. In France the title of physiotherapist is reserved for the people who have obtain a French diploma validated by the National Council of the order of the physiotherapists.

### **Practice of physiotherapy:**

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Formalities to be filled to be able to practice :

For All :

Make recorded its diploma of State to the regional Agency of health of the place of the professional exercise in the month which follows the taking office.

In the Conventional Frame (regulation by the Government):

Let the Regional health insurance fund (CPAM), the number of registration attributed by the ARS and the professional address.

Let know at the CPAM your will to be government-regulated

In case of wage earner, you have to do the following approaches :

A) The name, the address, the qualification of the employer

B) Giving your own National Insurance number

For those who practice in private clientele (even partially)

A) Registration to the Family allowance fund as the self-employed person,

B) Registration at the Carpimko (it is a pension fund) - 6, place Charles de Gaulle 78882 SAINT QUENTIN

The insurance cover is paid by a national health care system (60 % - 70 %). The difference can be reimbursed by a private health insurance at the expenses of the patient.

### **Twinning:**

No twinning setting up