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## EMIGRATION LAW

### CHANGES TO LAW NO 9/2009, OF 4 MARCH (RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS)

**LAW NO 26/2017, OF 30 MAY, INTRODUCES  
THE THIRD AMENDMENT OF LAW NO  
9/2009 OF 4 MARCH, AND HAS FACILITATED  
THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS AND REDUCED THE  
CONSTRAINTS ON THE FREE MOVEMENT  
OF PERSONS.**

Law no 26/2017 of 30 May has facilitated the recognition of professional qualifications and reduced the constraints on the free movement of persons.

This law introduces the third amendment of Law no 9/2009 of 4 March, and transposes the European Parliament and Council Directive 2013/55/EC, of 20 November 2013, amending Directive 2005/36/CE, related to the recognition of professional qualifications and the Regulation (EU) no 1024/2012, related to the administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System.

Of the amendments foreseen by the Directive, the following new instruments are highlighted: European Professional Card (EPC), partial access, common training framework, common training tests, control over knowledge of languages, continuous professional development, recognition of professional traineeship, alert mechanism, points of single contact, procedures by electronic means and assistance centers.

All procedures of the new instruments of the Directive will be implemented through the IMI system foreseen in Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012, related to administrative cooperation.

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