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The European Federation of Orthodontic Specialists Associations (EFOSA) and the Orthodontic Specialists Associations of Europe **recognise** that **specialist training** in orthodontics serves to protect patient safety and ensure a high standard of patient care and treatment quality. Specialist training ensures structured, supervised, comprehensive clinical and theoretical education. The title of **specialist orthodontist** is regulated **under European law** and subject to specific educational and training requirements. The signing associations hereby adopt the following declaration:

On the distinction between Specialist training and other postgraduate education in orthodontics

1. **Recognised specialist training in orthodontics is defined by the requirements set out in Article 35 of Directive 2005/36/EC.**

2. **Specialist training in orthodontics is characterised by the integrated combination of clinical practice and theoretical education.**

3. **Specialist training must be undertaken for a minimum duration of three years on a fulltime basis.**

4. **Specialist training must be carried out in a training institution according to Article 35 of Directive 2005/36/EC and under the supervision and responsibility of appropriately qualified specialist trainers.**

5. **Continuing-education-oriented Master of Science programmes as a rule do not fulfil the requirements of Article 35 of Directive 2005/36/EC.**

6. **Consequently, continuing education programmes, including continuing-education-oriented Master of Science programmes that do not meet the requirements of Article 35 of Directive 2005/36/EC, cannot be regarded as equivalent to recognised specialist training in orthodontics and should not be recognised as specialist training by competent authorities, professional bodies or educational institutions.**

The Orthodontic Specialists of Europe therefore call upon European institutions, national governments, competent authorities and professional organisations to ensure that continuing education qualifications and academic degrees are not presented, interpreted or recognised as equivalent to specialist training in orthodontics unless they fully comply with the requirements of Article 35 of Directive 2005/36/EC.

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