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- **Telecommunication**: Law regulating the profession of telecommunications, issued on 1995/7/27.
- **Psychology**: Law regulating the profession of psychology, issued on 1999/11/4.
- **Agricultural Technician**: Law regulating the profession of agricultural technician, issued on 1995/7/27.
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- **Pharmacist**: Law regulating the profession of pharmacists, issued on 1995/7/27.
- **Lawyer**: Law regulating the profession of lawyers, issued on 1995/7/27.
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Professions of Restricted Access for Palestine Refugees in Lebanon

Since 2005, Palestine refugees have been granted the right to practice about seventy (70) professions that were previously prohibited to them and restricted to Lebanese nationals only. By virtue of Article 3 of the Ministerial Decision promulgated on a regular basis by the Minister of Labour (which can be reviewed on the following link [http://bit.ly/15tHG7u]), Palestine refugees have been granted the right to practice these professions based upon the decisions of consecutive Ministers of Labour since 2005.

However, Palestine refugees are still prohibited from practicing several professions (listed herewith) due to either the precondition of holding the Lebanese nationality, or having to meet the reciprocity of treatment condition in order to access the profession, a condition that remains impossible to meet in light of the current circumstances linked to the establishment of the State of Palestine. It is noteworthy that in some cases Palestine refugees were able to obtain some sort of certification that allowed them to work in the 39 professions of restricted access for Palestine refugees in Lebanon; however those remain in general breach of rules that cannot be used as reference.

A Palestine refugee who wishes to work in Lebanon in any of the allowed professions must obtain a work permit. To apply for a work permit, the following documents are required:

For the employee

A work contract signed by him/her and his/her employer - a Palestine refugee registration card - employer’s documents (identity card - commercial registration and notification...), evidence of declaration to the NSIF (National Social Security Fund).

For the employer

A Palestinian refugee registration card - articles of incorporation - commercial registration and notification - evidence showing that he/she employs at least three (3) employees; his/her share of the capital being at least LBP 100 million (US $6,666.6).

Applications for receipt and renewal of work permits under category two (a salary that is between double and three times the minimum wage) and category three (a salary ranging between the minimum wage and its double), the first work permit requires the approval of the Director General of the Ministry of Labour whereas renewing is approved by the Head of the Department.

Renewal of those work permits requires the approval of the head of the department with the exception of the work permits under category one as they require the approval of the Minister of Labour.

Following the issuance of law no. 129 of 2010, work permits for Palestine refugees became free of charge. As for work permits for employers, they remained at 25% of the usual fees i.e. around LBP 450 thousand. Additionally, Palestine refugees were exempted from the Reciprocity of Treatment condition stipulated by article 59 of the labour law with regards to obtaining compensation in lieu of end of services indemnity.

Following the issuance of Law 128/2010, Palestinian refugees became eligible to the end of service indemnities but not to other funds of the National Social Security Fund.

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However, 39 professions remain prohibited to Palestine refugees:

Healthcare

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General Medicine

Dentistry

Veterinary Medicine

Nursing

Midwifery

Circumciser

Licensed Health Comptroller

Health Comptroller

Health Worker

Psychology

Engineering

Agricultural Engineering

Topography

Other Fields

Wholesale of Tobacco

Certified Public Accountant

Tourist Guide – involvement in travel and tourism agencies and tourist transport

Customs Broker

Public Sector and Law

Public service in all its bodies and public institutions

The Law Profession

Transport and Fishing

Owner of public transport plate / public transport car

Teaching car driving and all other vehicles

Follow up of formalities at the vehicle registration authority

Public transport driving license

Coastal Navigation and Fishing on Lebanese Coasts

Services and Daycare

Opening and Managing a Nursery

Owner of an Agency for the Recruitment of Domestic Workers

Representative of an Agency for the Recruitment of Domestic Workers

Sources

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