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WFC ADVICE NOTE

Travel to work in foreign countries

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) regularly receives requests for information and advice from chiropractors wishing to travel to other countries to undertake philanthropic work in a volunteer professional capacity.

The WFC strongly advises that prior to travel, chiropractors fully research statutory requirements for practice in the destination country and as a matter of professional courtesy, make contact with the national association of chiropractors in that country prior to travel. Chiropractors wishing to participate in overseas volunteer work are urged to research the customs, culture and standards of practice of that country and exercise the highest standards of professional conduct at all times. Chiropractors should ensure that they hold professional indemnity insurance that is valid in the country to which they are travelling and are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance in case of emergency.

Chiropractors intending to travel to participate in the care of patients are strongly advised to declare this fact on entering the destination country. Chiropractors failing to make such a declaration may be deemed to be working illegally and may be subject to prosecution.

Chiropractors travelling as part of a group (often referred to as a 'Mission Trip') are advised to assure themselves that any activities they undertake in a professional capacity, including the treatment of patients, are authorized by the national authorities of the host country and that all group participants are covered by public and personal indemnity insurance.

While the WFC makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of information provided on its website, it cannot be held liable for errors or inaccuracy and chiropractors wishing to travel and work abroad are advised to make enquiries with the national authority of the destination country prior to travel.