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## **Icelandic Physiotherapy Association (IPA) / Félag sjúkráðjálfara (FS)**

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### **Our office hours:**

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| <b>Mon.</b> | <b>9.00 am - 14.00 pm</b> |
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### **Country information:**

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**Population: 285.000**

**Number of Physiotherapists:**

- in the association: 450
- in the country: 450

### Headquarters:

The Icelandic physiotherapy association is a professional body, and all registered physiotherapists who are working are members of the association. The Icelandic headquarter has one staff employee and a part time employed managing director. The association holds executive meetings (meeting period not specified) and furthers liaisons with other health care professions and authorities. The Icelandic physiotherapy association is not member of a trade union.

### Migration Information:

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

### Physiotherapy Education:

The association does not have an education department. There is 1 physiotherapy school in the country with 20 students per year. The physiotherapy education results in an academic degree/diploma after 4 years of studies, allowing for postgraduate studies. Physiotherapists are involved in both teaching and research and Iceland has recognition of Physiotherapy Specialists.

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### **Status of profession:**

Professional Title/ Qualification: Physiotherapeut Legal protection of the title of physiotherapists has been established, but not for the professional activity. All physiotherapist members must be registered and obtain a licence to practice physiotherapy. Germany has established established a code of ethics for physiotherapists. The "Ministry of Health" is responsible for the physiotherapy profession in Germany. There is no unemployment for physiotherapists.

### **Practice of physiotherapy:**

The physiotherapy services are not determined by the profession but instead the physiotherapist determines the clinical intervention of physiotherapy him/herself. Iceland offers both public and private physiotherapy services. The insurance cover for physiotherapy is paid both through the national health care system and privately the patient.

### **Twinning:**

The Icelandic Association has established a twinning program with Lithuania (Europe) but has not had contact since 2000. No governmental/EU funding.