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**Abstract:**

In the Polish legal system, the principles of acquiring professional qualifications by graduates were regulated primarily in the Act of 17 July 2009 on graduate practices. The provisions of this Act raise serious doubts of an interpretative nature, mainly due to the lack of a clear and comprehensive indication of the legal regime of the graduate practice contract. Meanwhile, determining what legal provisions, as well as how they apply to the graduate practice contract is of great importance, because in the event of an erroneous legal qualification of such a contract, its parties are exposed to far-reaching legal consequences. Due to the carried out considerations it was assumed that the graduate practice contract is a labor law contract, to which civil law provisions should be applied by analogy (in addition to the provisions of the Act of 17 July 2009 on graduate practices and labor law provisions mentioned in this Act). The Author also formulated de lege ferenda postulates.