HOW DOES THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WORK OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION?

Do you want to work in your profession in Germany? In some cases recognition of your professional training is necessary, and in some cases it is not. But voluntary recognition also has many advantages. Please note the following steps and information:





A. REGULATED

B. NOT REGULATED?

IDENTIFICATION OF REFERENCE PROFESSION

Recognition in Germany • Self-test and advice (also by phone/in person) at www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de

Berufenet (Employment Agency) • Information service at www.berufenet.arbeitsagentur.de

Make it in Germany • Online or telephone consultation at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Foreign Skills Approval (IHK FOSA) • Personal advice, appointments at www.ihk.de

RECOGNITION PROCEDURE BY IHK FOSA, CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (IHK) AND THE CHAMBER OF TRADE (HWK)

Recognition is done on a case-by-case basis and can be a somewhat complicated procedure. This also means that there are different laws and contact persons for different cases. It also depends on the state in which you want to work and live. Depending on the complexity of the case, the procedure can take up to three months and cost €100-600.

POSITIVE LIST

Check this list of occupations that are currently in urgent need

of skilled workers at www.arbeitsagentur.de/positivliste.

this list, you stand a good chance of finding a job in Germany. But first you must have your profession recognised. Having a university degree that is recognised in Germany will further increase your chances.

TRANSLATING AND CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

A list of required documents, e.g. proof of identity, proof of professional qualification and experience, can be found on the recognition finder www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK) will inform you about which documents are needed.

For state-certified interpreters or translators, please visit www.justiz-dolmetscher.de or contact the Federal Employment Agency.



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e.g. in the form of a work test or technical discussion. This applies if the documents are not complete due to reasons beyond your control.

VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION PROCEDURE

Improves your chances of finding a job in Germany, continuing your education or even finding betterpaid work.

POSITIVE

Full equivalence: The know-how and skills you acquired abroad correspond to the German professional qualification. See also §18 German Residence Act (AufenthG.).

PARTIALLY POSITIVE

Partial equivalence: Your foreign professional qualification corresponds to the German professional qualification in some respects, but not in others.

According to §17a German
Residence Act, access to the
labour market is possible for one
year if there is a close connection
with the profession to be
recognised, meaning that a
livelihood can be secured. A new
recognition procedure is
subsequently required.

NEGATIVE

No equivalence: Your foreign qualification and the German qualification are not comparable. Your application has been rejected.

Visit Netzwerk IQ (www.netz-werk-iq.de) to find out what you can do now.

YOU CAN APPLY!

You can now start searching for a vacant position in Germany apply for a job and start working after obtaining the appropriate residence permit. More information is available at the Federal Employment Agency, among others. Please note that for some professions you must first undergo an assessment and complete a technical terminology test.

KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN

Good knowledge of German will help you to get started in your professional life. A level B1 language certificate is often a prerequisite. Find German language courses in your country at www.goethe.de

VISA APPLICATION AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY

Once your job application was successful, you can now apply for a visa. Visa applications must be submitted to the respective German embassy or consulate.

Federal Foreign Office • Information and appointments under www.auswaertiges-amt.de

APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT AND WORK PERMIT WITH THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY (AFTER ARRIVAL IN GERMANY)

ZAV Virtual Welcome Centers • Online consultation, contact us at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Quick-check • Take a quick test to find out whether you can live and work in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com
Foreigners Registration Office • Nearest office for advice in immigration matters on "My way to Germany" www.goethe.de/mwnd







