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# Equivalence Determination of professions in the craft sector with professional qualifications from abroad

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150052037000, 99150052037000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Equivalence Determination of professions in the craft sector with professional qualifications from abroad
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hessen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (150)

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Verrichtungskennung	Feststellung (037)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anerkennung von Qualifikationen zum Zwecke der Beschäftigung in einem anderen Mitgliedstaat
Lagen Portalverbund	Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (1040400), Berufsausbildung (1030200)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	23.10.2018
Fachlich freigegen durch	Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hwo/_40a.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hwo/_40a.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_4.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_4.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hwo/_40a.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hwo/_40a.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_4.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_4.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html</a>
Teaser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can have your foreign professional qualification in the craft sector officially recognised.</li> <li>• For some craft professions, you must have your professional qualification recognised.</li> <li>• Recognition always improves your chances on the German job market.</li> </ul>
Volltext	<p>There are about 200 different professions in the craft sector in Germany.</p> <p>For 41 professions in the skilled trades, you need a specific professional qualification. These are the "crafts subject to approval". Only with the necessary professional qualification are you allowed to work independently in these professions on a permanent basis. These 41 regulated professions are subject to further regulations.</p> <p>All other professions in the craft sector are not regulated. This means that if you want to work independently in these professions on a permanent basis, you do not need a specific professional qualification.</p>

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You do not have to have your foreign professional qualification recognised. However, they have the right to a recognition procedure. The procedure is called "equivalence determination". An equivalence determination brings you advantages:

- At the end of the procedure, you will receive a notification of equivalence. The notification is proof of your professional qualification.
- The decision is an official and legally secure document. You and your employers can rely on the content.
- The decision increases your chances on the job market. Employers can better assess your professional qualifications with the decision.

The competent bodies for determining equivalence in the craft sector are the regional chambers of crafts or the chambers of industry and commerce. The responsible authorities will advise you before the application is submitted and identify the right profession in the craft sector for you.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

The competent authority will inform you which documents you need to submit. Important documents are in general:

- Proof of identity (passport or identity card)
- List in tabular form with your education and professional experience (curriculum vitae)
- Evidence of formal qualifications
- Certificate attesting to the nature and duration of the relevant professional practice
- a declaration that you have not yet submitted an application for an equivalence assessment
- possibly proof that you want to work in Germany

The competent authority will inform you which documents you must submit in the original or as certified copies. You must submit your documents in German. The

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	translations must be made by publicly appointed or authorised translators.
Voraussetzungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have formal training in crafts from abroad.</li> <li>• You would like to work in Germany in the profession in question.</li> </ul>
Kosten	<p>The procedure costs money. The competent authority will inform you about the costs. The costs generally depend on the effort for processing.</p> <p>In addition, additional costs may be incurred (e.g. for translations or certifications of your documents). These costs vary from person to person.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You submit a written "application for equivalence assessment" with the necessary documents to the competent body. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For professional qualifications from EU/EEA/Switzerland: You can submit the application and the documents directly to the competent body or to the Point of Single Contact. You can also submit the application electronically via the Point of Single Contact.</li> <li>• The competent authority will then compare your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and check the equivalence. If your professional qualification is equivalent, it will be recognised. You will receive the notification of equivalence (recognition notice) by post.</li> <li>• If your professional qualification is not equivalent, it will not be recognised. You will receive a notification of the differences between your foreign professional qualifications. With this notification, you can further qualify yourself and later submit a new application for equivalence determination.</li> <li>• You can take legal action against the decision of the competent authority. The decision will then be reviewed. We recommend that you first talk to the competent authority before taking legal action against the decision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Bearbeitungsdauer	The responsible office will confirm that your documents have arrived after a maximum of one month. The competent authority will inform you if documents are missing. If all necessary documents are

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	available, the procedure takes a maximum of 3 months. In individual cases, the procedure may be extended once.
Frist	None. Sometimes documents are still missing in the procedure. The competent authority will then inform you by when you must submit the documents later.
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Qualification analysis</b></li> </ul> <p>You have completed formal training but cannot provide all the necessary documents? Then you may be allowed to undergo a qualification analysis. This means that you can prove your professional skills in practice. The competent authorities will inform you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Procedure for ethnic German repatriates</b></li> </ul> <p>As a Spätaussiedler, you can go through the recognition procedure either according to the laws mentioned here or according to the Federal Expellees Act. You can decide for yourself.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are about 200 different professions in the craft sector in Germany.</li> <li>• A specific professional qualification is required for 41 occupations in the skilled trades. Only with the professional qualification you can work permanently independently in the professions.</li> <li>• For all other professions in the crafts you do not need a specific professional qualification.</li> <li>• However, one has the right to a procedure for the recognition of a foreign professional qualification in the crafts.</li> <li>• The procedure is called "equivalence determination".</li> <li>• An equivalence assessment improves the chances on the German labour market.</li> <li>• Responsible for determining equivalence in the craft sector: the regional chambers of crafts or chambers of industry and commerce.</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	

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<b>Zuständige Stelle</b>	
<b>Formulare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms: Forms can be obtained from the competent authority.</li> <li>• Online procedure possible: via the Point of Single Contact</li> <li>• Written form requirement: possibly</li> <li>• Personal appearance required: no</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Artikel/Mittelstand/einheitlicher-ansprechpartner.html">https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Artikel/Mittelstand/einheitlicher-ansprechpartner.html</a>  <a href="https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Artikel/Mittelstand/einheitlicher-ansprechpartner.html">https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Artikel/Mittelstand/einheitlicher-ansprechpartner.html</a></p>
<b>Ursprungsportal</b>	Gleichwertigkeit Feststellung Berufe im Handwerk mit Berufsqualifikation aus dem Ausland, Equivalence Determination of professions in the craft sector with professional qualifications from abroad