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# Apply for recognition as a healthcare and nursing professional with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland under the Nursing Act by the end of 2024

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150048001000, 99150048001000
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Typisierung	2/3

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Handlungsgrundlage(n)	<p>* § Section 66a (2), 64a (4) of the Nursing Professions Act (Pflegerberufegesetz - PflBG)</p> <p>i.V.m. §§ Sections 1 (1) sentence 1 no. 1, 2 (3a), (4) and (5a-6), 25 Nursing Act (KrPflG) in the version valid on December 31, 2019</p> <p>in conjunction with. §§ Sections 20, 20a, 20c of the Training and Examination Ordinance for the Nursing Professions (KrPflAPrV) in the version valid on December 31, 2019</p> <p>- <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_66a.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_66a.html</a></p>
Teaser	<p>Would you like to work as a healthcare and nursing professional in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To do so, you must submit an application and have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</p>
Volltext	<p>The profession of healthcare and nursing specialist is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a healthcare and nursing professional in Germany, you need a state license. With this permit, you can use the job title "Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegerin" or "Gesundheits- und Krankenpfleger" and work in the profession. You can also apply for the job title "Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegefachperson".</p> <p>If you have a professional qualification from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, you can also obtain a state license from the competent authority in Germany. In order to obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</p> <p>On January 1, 2020, nursing training in Germany was reformed and the new Nursing Professions Act came into force. The profession on this basis is called Pflegefachperson and is new. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on the basis of the Nursing Act. Under certain circumstances, foreign professional qualifications can still be recognized as healthcare and nursing specialists on a transitional basis until 31 December 2024. However, if the professional qualification is automatically recognized, it will always be recognized in the new profession as a nurse. The responsible office will advise you.</p> <p>In the recognition procedure, the competent body compares your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and checks the</p>

equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for the granting of a state license. In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the permit to be issued. Further requirements include, for example, sufficient German language skills and health suitability.

If your professional qualification does not originate from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland, other regulations apply. You can also apply for the procedure from abroad.

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## Begriffe im Kontext

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<b>Bearbeitungsdauer</b>	3 Monat(e) The responsible office will inform you if any documents are missing. If the documents are complete, the procedure will take a maximum of 3 months.
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<b>Fristen</b>	There is no deadline.  Sometimes documents are still missing from the procedure. The responsible office will then inform you by when you must submit the documents.
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<b>Formulare + Objekt Formular</b>	* Forms: Forms can be obtained from the responsible office. * Online procedure possible: Ask the responsible office whether you can submit the application online. * Personal appearance necessary: no
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<b>Kurztext</b>	* Apply for recognition as a healthcare and nursing professional with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland under the Nursing Act by the end of 2024. * In Germany, you need a state license to work as a healthcare and nursing professional. * With this permit, you can officially call yourself a "healthcare and nursing professional" and work in the profession. * Professional qualifications from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland can also be used to obtain a state license in Germany. * On January 1, 2020, nursing training in Germany was reformed and the new Nursing Professions Act came into force. The profession on this basis is called Pflegefachperson and is new. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on
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the basis of the Nursing Act, provided that there is no automatic recognition under the Nursing Professions Act. In this case, foreign professional qualifications may still be recognized as healthcare and nursing specialists on a transitional basis until 31.12.2024.

#### weiterführende Informationen

- <https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de>
- <https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/finanzielle-foerderung.php>
- <https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/>
- <https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/>
- [https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/\\_10.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html)

#### Hinweise (Besonderheiten)

**\*\*Partial access to the profession for professional qualifications from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland\*\***

Your professional qualification is not equivalent and the differences are too great? Then you may be able to work in the profession with partial access to the profession. With partial access to the profession, you can also work in the profession without recognition. There are certain requirements for this. Your professional qualification must include at least one so-called reserved activity of the German professional qualification. Reserved activities may only be carried out by specially trained persons. You must also provide proof: You are personally suitable, in good health and have the required knowledge of German.

With partial access to the profession, you may only carry out certain tasks as a healthcare and nursing professional. You apply for partial access to the profession at the competent authority.

**\*\*Freedom to provide services\*\***

Do you only want to offer services in Germany occasionally and for a short period of time? Then you do not usually need a state permit. You must fulfill these requirements:

- \* You must be established in another EU or EEA member state or in Switzerland.
- \* You must provide proof of your professional qualification.
- \* You must provide proof of German language skills at the required level.
- \* You must prove your personal suitability.
- \* You must notify the competent authority of your activity

in writing.

The competent authority will inform you whether you are permitted to provide services or whether you need to take an aptitude test.

### **\*\*Notification of equivalence\*\***

The equivalence assessment (recognition procedure) also takes place during the authorization procedure. You can apply for a separate decision on the result of the examination.

### **\*\*Procedure for ethnic German repatriates\*\***

As a late repatriate, you can go through the recognition procedure either in accordance with the laws mentioned here or in accordance with the Federal Expellees Act. You can decide for yourself. The responsible office will advise you on which procedure is right for you.

#### **Rechtsbehelf**

You can take legal action against the decision of the competent authority within a certain period of time (for example, by lodging an objection). The decision will then be reviewed. Details can be found in the information on legal remedies at the end of your decision. You should first speak to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.

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**Lagen Portalverbund**

Berufsausbildung (1030200), Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (1040400)

**zuständige Stelle**

**Ansprechpunkt**

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