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# Applying for permission to use the professional title of nurse from third countries

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99150049001000, 99150049001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for permission to use the professional title of nurse from third countries
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Application for recognition as a nurse with professional qualifications from third countries under the Nursing Act by the end of 2024
Typisierung	2/3

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Handlungsgrundlage(n)	<p>* Section 66a(1) of the Nursing Professions Act (Pflegerberufegesetz - PflBG)</p> <p>in conjunction with §§ 1 paragraph 1 sentence 1 no. 1, 2 paragraph 3 of the Nursing Act (KrPflG) in the version valid on 31 December 2019</p> <p>in conjunction with §§ 20b, 20c Training and Examination Ordinance for Nursing Professions (KrPflAPrV) in the version valid on 31 December 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> <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 nurse in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To do this, you must submit an application and have your foreign professional qualification recognised.</p>
Volltext	<p>The profession of nurse is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to be able to work as a nurse in Germany, you need a state permit. With the permission, you may use the professional title "nurse" or "health and nurse" and work in the profession.</p> <p>Even with a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can obtain state permission from the competent authority in Germany. Third countries are all states that do not belong to the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. In order to obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognised.</p> <p>On 1 January 2020, nursing education was reformed in Germany and the new Nursing Professions Act applies. The profession on this basis is called "nurse" or "nursing specialist" and is new. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on the basis of the Nursing Act. Until 31 December 2024, foreign professional qualifications may still be recognised as nurses on a transitional basis. The competent body will advise you.</p> <p>In the recognition procedure, the competent authority compares your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and checks the equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for the granting of state permission. In addition to the equivalence of the</p>

professional qualification, you must meet other requirements for the granting of the permit. Further requirements are, for example, sufficient German language skills and health suitability.

If your professional qualification comes from the EU, 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>	4 Monat(e) The competent authority will inform you if documents are missing. If the documents are complete, the procedure takes a maximum of 4 months.
<b>Fristen</b>	There is no deadline.  Sometimes documents are still missing in the procedure. The competent authority will then inform you by when you must submit the documents.
<b>Formulare + Objekt Formular</b>	* Forms: Forms can be obtained from the competent authority. * Online procedure possible: Ask the competent authority whether you can submit the application online. * Personal appearance required: no
<b>Kurztext</b>	* Apply for recognition as a nurse with professional qualifications from third countries under the Nursing Act by the end of 2024. * To work as a nurse in Germany, you need a state permit. * With the permission you can officially call yourself "nurse" or "health and nurse" and work in the profession. * Even with a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can obtain state permission in Germany. Third countries are all states that do not belong to the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. * On 1 January 2020, nursing education was reformed in Germany and the new Nursing Professions Act applies. The profession on this basis is called "nurse" or "nursing specialist" and is new. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on the basis of the Nursing Act. Until 31.12.2024, foreign professional qualifications may still be recognised as a nurse on a transitional basis.

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## weiterführende Informationen

## Hinweise (Besonderheiten)

### **\*\*Equivalence Notice\*\***

In the licensing procedure, equivalence is also checked (recognition procedure). You can apply for a separate notification for the result of the examination.

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

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. The competent body will advise you on which procedure suits you

#### **Rechtsbehelf**

You can take legal action against the decision of the competent authority within a certain period of time (for example, file an objection). The decision will then be reviewed. Details can be found in the information on the right of appeal at the end of your decision. We recommend that you first talk to the competent authority before taking legal action against the decision.

#### **fachlich durch**

#### **freigegeben**

Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training  
Federal Ministry of Health Federal Ministry for Family  
Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

#### **fachlich am**

#### **freigegeben**

28.06.2022

#### **Lagen Portalverbund**

Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen  
(1040400), Berufsausbildung (1030200)

#### **zuständige Stelle**

#### **Ansprechpunkt**

State Administration Office