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# Apply for recognition of a foreign professional qualification in a skilled trade or a trade similar to a skilled trade (journeyman's examination)

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150052037000, 99150052037000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for recognition of a foreign professional qualification in a skilled trade or a trade similar to a skilled trade (journeyman's examination)
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for recognition of a foreign professional qualification in a skilled trade or a trade similar to a skilled trade (journeyman's examination)
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Sachsen-Anhalt
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)

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Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (150)
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	29.09.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection
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/hwo/_50c.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hwo/_50c.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/bqfg/_8.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_8.html</a>
Teaser	You would like to work permanently in Germany in a profession in the skilled trades or a trade similar to the skilled trades at journeyman level? Would you like access to a master school or examination? Then you can have your foreign professional qualification in the skilled crafts officially recognized.
Volltext	<p>There are around 200 different professions in the skilled trades in Germany.</p> <p>The professions in the skilled trades or in trades similar to skilled trades are not regulated at journeyman level. This means that you do not need a specific professional qualification to work permanently in these professions at the level of a journeyman or journeywoman.</p> <p>However, they do have the right to a recognition procedure. The procedure is called "equivalence determination." An equivalence determination at</p>

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journeyman level also facilitates access to master schools and master examinations.

You will receive a notification of the result of the procedure. The notice lists existing and any missing professional qualifications.

The certificate enables employers to better assess your professional qualifications. For specialists from third countries, a recognition procedure is usually a prerequisite for the issuance of a visa. Third countries are all countries outside the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland.

The regional chambers of skilled crafts are responsible for determining equivalence in the skilled crafts sector. In some cases, the Chambers of Industry and Commerce are also responsible.

The competent bodies will advise you before you apply and identify the appropriate occupation in the skilled crafts sector for you.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

The responsible office will tell you which documents you need to submit. Important documents are generally:

- Proof of identity (passport or identity card)
- Marriage certificate (if your name has changed due to marriage)
- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of your professional qualification (for example, certificates, professional certificate)
- Proof of education
- Certificate of the type and duration of relevant professional experience
- Have you ever applied for an equivalence assessment? If so, please indicate the office to which you submitted the application.
- Perhaps: You come from a third country and do not yet live or work in the EU, EEA or Switzerland? Then you must prove: You want to work in Germany in the profession. Evidence includes, for example, applications for a job, invitations to interviews or a location note from the Central Service Office for

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Professional Recognition (ZSBA).

The competent office will tell you which documents you need to submit as a simple copy, as a certified copy or as an original.

You must submit your documents in German. The translations must be done by publicly appointed or authorized translators.

You may have to submit further documents during the recognition procedure or prove the relevant professional skills by appropriate procedures. The competent office will inform you.

## Voraussetzungen

- You have a state-recognized professional qualification in a craft or a craft-like trade from abroad.
- You would like to work in the profession in Germany.

## Kosten

The costs generally depend on the effort required for processing.

In addition, further costs may be incurred (for example, for translations or certifications of your documents). These costs vary individually.

## Verfahrensablauf

**\*\*Application\*\***

You submit an application for equivalency determination to the responsible office.

You may be able to send the application electronically. The competent office will inform you. You can also hand in the application with the documents to the competent body or send it by mail. Do not send originals.

**\*\*Checking the equivalence\*\***

The competent body will then check: Is your professional qualification equivalent to the German

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professional qualification? In doing so, the competent body compares the qualifications with the help of certain criteria. Important criteria are the content and duration of the training. The competent body also takes into account your professional experience, your other certificates of competence and qualifications when carrying out the equivalence test.

If necessary, the competent body may also determine the relevant professional skills, knowledge and abilities within the framework of suitable procedures, for example if the required evidence cannot be provided or can only be provided in part or is insufficient in terms of content. Suitable procedures include, in particular, work samples, technical interviews and practical and theoretical examinations.

### \*\*Possible results of the examination\*\*

You will receive a notification with the result of the procedure. You will receive recognition if your professional qualification and the German professional qualification are equivalent.

Sometimes there are significant differences between the professional qualifications. The differences are listed in your notification. You can use this decision to obtain further qualifications and later submit a new application for equivalence.

If your professional qualification is not equivalent at all, you will not receive recognition.

## Bearbeitungsdauer

3 Monat(e)

The Chamber of Crafts will confirm that your documents have arrived within one month. The Chamber of Crafts will also inform you if any documents are missing. Once all the necessary documents are available, the procedure takes a maximum of 3 months. In individual cases, the procedure can be extended once.

## Frist

There is no deadline. Sometimes documents are still missing in the procedure. The responsible office will

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	then inform you by when you have to submit the documents.
weiterführende Informationen	<a href="https://www.zdh.de/ueber-uns/organisationen-des-handwerks/deutschlandkarte/">https://www.zdh.de/ueber-uns/organisationen-des-handwerks/deutschlandkarte/</a> <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/pro/qualifikationsanalyse.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/pro/qualifikationsanalyse.php</a> <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/fINANZIELLE-FOERDERUNG.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/fINANZIELLE-FOERDERUNG.php</a> <a href="https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/">https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html</a>
Hinweise	<p><b>**Qualification analysis**</b></p> <p>You have completed a formal education, but you no longer have all the necessary documents for the application? Then you may be able to prove your professional qualification through a qualification analysis. This means: you can practically prove your professional competences. The responsible office will inform you.</p> <p><b>**Procedure for late repatriates**</b></p> <p>As a late repatriate, you can go through the recognition procedure either according to the laws mentioned here or according to the Federal Expellees Act. You can decide this yourself. The competent office will advise you which procedure suits you.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	You can take legal action (for example, file an appeal) against the decision of the responsible office within a certain period of time. The decision will then be reviewed. Details on this can be found in the appeal instructions at the end of your decision. You should first talk to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying for recognition of a foreign professional qualification in a skilled trade (journeyman's examination) or a trade similar to a skilled trade.</li> <li>• One does not need a specific professional qualification for professions in the skilled trades or trades similar to skilled trades at journeyman level.</li> </ul>

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- The procedure is called "equivalence determination".
- The regional chambers of skilled crafts are responsible for determining equivalence in the skilled crafts sector. In some cases, the Chambers of Industry and Commerce (IHK) are also responsible.
- The equivalence determination also facilitates access to master craftsman schools and master craftsman examinations.

**Ansprechpunkt**

<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratung.php>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratungssuche.php>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/hotline.php>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php>

**Zuständige Stelle**
**Formulare**
**Ursprungsportal**

Apply for recognition of a foreign professional qualification in a skilled trade or a trade similar to a skilled trade (journeyman's examination), Anerkennung einer ausländischen Berufsqualifikation in einem Handwerksberuf oder einem handwerksähnlichen Gewerbe (Gesellenprüfung) beantragen