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# Apply for recognition as a veterinarian with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99150103001000, 99150103001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for recognition as a veterinarian with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for recognition as a veterinarian with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland
Typisierung	3 - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
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	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anerkennung beruflicher Qualifikationen, einschließlich beruflicher Bildung
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	13.07.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry for Climate Protection, Agriculture, Rural Areas and the Environment Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/_2.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/_2.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/BJNR004160965.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/BJNR004160965.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/_2.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/_2.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/BJNR004160965.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/BJNR004160965.html</a>
Teaser	Would you like to work permanently as a veterinarian in Germany? Then you need a state license, the Approbation. You can also obtain a license to practice with a foreign professional qualification. You must have your professional qualification recognized.
Volltext	<p>The profession of veterinarian is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a veterinarian in Germany without any restrictions, you need a license to practice. The license to practice is the state approval for the profession. This means that you are not allowed to work independently as a veterinarian without a license to practice.</p> <p>You can also obtain a license to practice in Germany with a professional qualification from a country in the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. In order to obtain a license to practice medicine, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</p> <p>A professional qualification from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland is usually automatically recognized when you apply for a licence to practise. However, there may also be deviations from this rule. This depends on the country in which you completed your training and</p>

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when. If you began your professional training after your country of training joined the EU/EEA, your professional qualification will be automatically recognized. If automatic recognition is not possible, the competent authority will compare your professional qualification with the German professional qualification. It will carry out an equivalence check. In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the permit to be issued. Further requirements are, 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.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Proof of identity (identity card or passport)
  - Marriage certificate (if your name has changed due to marriage)
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Proof of your professional qualifications (e.g. certificates, professional certificate)
  - Proof of the content and duration of your education (e.g. diploma supplement, transcript of records)
  - Proof of your relevant professional experience as a veterinarian (e.g. work references)
  - Declaration that you have not yet submitted an application for a license to practice in Germany
- You only need to submit the following document if your professional qualification was completed before a certain date (cut-off date). The competent authority will inform you:
- Certificate of conformity: Certificate from your country of training that your training meets the minimum EU standards.
  - If no certificate of conformity is available: Certificate that you have worked legally and continuously in the profession for at least 3 years in the last 5 years before submitting the application.
- You usually submit these documents later:
- Proof of your personal suitability: criminal record extract or official certificate of good conduct. The certificate must not be older than 3 months at the time of application.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of your health suitability: Medical certificate. The certificate must not be older than 3 months at the time of application. You must submit the documents in the form of copies. In certain cases, the competent authority may require certified copies of the documents.</li> </ul>
Voraussetzungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a professional qualification as a veterinarian from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland.</li> <li>• You want to work as a veterinarian in Germany.</li> <li>• Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a veterinarian and have no criminal record.</li> <li>• Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a vet.</li> <li>• You have German language skills at the required level. This is usually language skills at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and medical language skills at level C1.</li> </ul>
Kosten	<p>The costs generally depend on the time and effort required for processing.</p> <p>Additional costs may also be incurred (e.g. for translations or notarizations). These costs vary from case to case.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<p>Are there any significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification? You may be able to compensate for the differences with your professional experience, other veterinary knowledge or skills. You must provide proof of professional practice. Knowledge and skills must be certified by an authority in the country in which you acquired the knowledge or skills.</p> <p>However, it is possible that the essential differences cannot be compensated for by this knowledge. The competent authority will tell you the main differences and why you cannot compensate for the main differences with your professional experience. The decision of the competent authority will also state the level of your training and the level required in Germany.</p>
Bearbeitungsdauer	<p>3 Monat(e)</p> <p>The responsible office will confirm that your application and documents have been received after a</p>

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maximum of one month. The competent office will inform you if any documents are missing. If the documents are complete, the procedure will take a maximum of 3 months.

## Frist

### weiterführende Informationen

[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt\\_o/anlage.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/anlage.html)  
<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)  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt\\_o/anlage.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/anlage.html)  
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<https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/>  
<https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/>  
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## Hinweise

Do you only want to offer services in Germany occasionally and for a short time? Then you usually do not 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 notify the competent authority of your activity in writing.

The competent authority will inform you. During the licensing procedure, the equivalence of your training can also be assessed. You can apply for a separate notification of the result of the examination. 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 Expellee 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

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

## Kurztext

- Licensing as a veterinary surgeon with professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland Issue
- To work as a veterinarian in Germany, you need a state license (Approbation).
- With a license to practice medicine, you can work permanently as a veterinarian.
- You can also obtain a license to practice in Germany with a professional qualification from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.
- It is important where and when you acquired your professional qualification.

## 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>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratung.php>  
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## Zuständige Stelle

## Formulare

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Ursprungsportal	Apply for recognition as a veterinarian with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland, Anerkennung als Tierärztin oder Tierarzt mit Berufsqualifikation aus EU/EWR/Schweiz beantragen