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Applying for recognition as a veterinarian with professional qualifications from third countries

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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	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/_2.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/BJNR004160965.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/_2.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bt_o/BJNR004160965.html
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. You can also obtain a license to practice in Germany with a professional qualification from a so-called third country. Third countries are all countries that do not belong to the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.</p> <p>In order to obtain a license to practice medicine, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized. In the recognition procedure, the competent authority compares your professional qualification with the German professional qualification and checks the equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for obtaining a license to</p>

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practice.

In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the license to be issued. Further requirements include, for example, sufficient German language skills and health suitability.

If your professional qualification comes from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland, other regulations apply. You can also apply for the procedure from abroad.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Proof of identity (e.g. passport or identity card)
 - 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 applied for a license to practice in Germany
 - You must provide proof: You are allowed to work in the profession in your country of training.
 - Are you from a third country and do not yet live or work in the EU, the EEA or Switzerland? Then you must provide proof: You want to work in the profession in Germany. Proof includes, for example, job applications, invitations to job interviews or a location note from the Central Service Center for Professional Recognition (ZSBA).

You usually hand in 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.
- Proof of your health suitability: Medical certificate. The certificate must not be older than 3 months at the time of application.

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You must submit the documents in the form of copies. In certain cases, the competent authority may require certified copies of the documents. If your documents are not in German, you must submit German translations of your documents. The translations must be made by translators who are publicly appointed or authorized.

Voraussetzungen

- You have a professional qualification as a veterinarian from a third country.
 - You want to work as a veterinarian in Germany.
 - Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a veterinarian and have no criminal record.
 - Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a vet.
 - 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.

Kosten

The costs generally depend on the time and effort required for processing.

Additional costs may also be incurred (e.g. for translations or notarizations). These costs vary from case to case.

Verfahrensablauf

****Application****

You submit an application for a license to practice as a veterinarian to the competent authority. The competent authority will then check whether your training is equivalent to German training and whether all other requirements have been met. Approval can only be granted if your training from a third country is equivalent to German training.

****Examination of equivalence****

The competent authority will compare your professional qualification with the German professional qualification. The competent authority will check whether your professional qualification is

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equivalent. The professional qualification is equivalent if there are no significant differences between your foreign professional qualification and the German professional qualification.

****Possible results of the examination****

If your professional qualification is equivalent, your foreign professional qualification will be recognized. The authority can confirm the result in writing. You must still meet the other requirements and provide proof of your language skills. You will then be granted a license to practice as a veterinarian.

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.

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.

****Knowledge test****

If your professional qualification is not equivalent, you can take a compensatory measure. You can take a knowledge test to compensate for the main differences. The knowledge test is based on the final examination as a veterinarian in Germany. If you pass the knowledge test and meet all other requirements, you will be licensed as a veterinarian.

Bearbeitungsdauer

4 Monat(e)

The responsible office will confirm that your application and documents have been received after a maximum of one month. The competent office will inform you if any documents are missing. If the

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documents are complete, the procedure will take a maximum of 4 months.

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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.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

Hinweise

****Temporary professional license****

You can apply for a temporary professional license if there is a special interest. With a temporary professional license, you can generally work for up to 4 years without a license. The professional license only entitles you to limited activities. You must meet the following requirements for the temporary professional license:

- Proof of your professional qualification
- Health suitability
- Personal aptitude
- German language skills: You must provide proof of the German language skills required to practise the profession.

You can apply for a professional license from the competent authority.

****Certificate of equivalence****

During the licensing procedure, the equivalence of your training can also be assessed. If you have a legitimate interest, you can apply for a separate

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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 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 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 for professional qualifications from third countries 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 a so-called third country. Third countries are all countries that do not belong to the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.

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>
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratungssuche.php>
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	hotline.php https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Applying for recognition as a veterinarian with professional qualifications from third countries, Anerkennung als Tierärztin oder Tierarzt mit Berufsqualifikation aus Drittstaaten beantragen