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Apply for recognition as a "speech therapist" with a professional qualification from a third country

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99150022001000, 99150022001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for recognition as a "speech therapist" with a professional qualification from a third country
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for recognition as a speech and language therapist with a professional qualification from a third country
Typisierung	2/3a - Bund: Regelung, Land: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (150)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)

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SDG-Informationsbereich	Anerkennung beruflicher Qualifikationen, einschließlich beruflicher Bildung
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/logopg/_1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/logapro/_16b.htm https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/logopg/_1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/logapro/_16b.htm
Teaser	<p>Would you like to work as a speech therapist in Germany? Then you need a state permit.</p> <p>In order to obtain the state permit, you can have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</p>
Volltext	<p>The profession of speech therapist is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a speech therapist in Germany, you need a state license. With this permit, you can use the professional title "speech therapist" and work in the profession.</p> <p>You can also obtain a state permit from the competent authority in Germany if you have 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 the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</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 a state license.</p>

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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 originates from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland, other regulations apply.

You can also apply for the procedure from abroad.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

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

- 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 training
- Proof of your relevant professional experience as a speech and language therapist
- Proof of other relevant knowledge for working as a speech and language therapist
- You 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 can be: Job applications, proof of your application for an entry visa for gainful employment or personal declaration

You usually submit these documents later. The responsible office will inform you when you should submit the documents:

- Proof of your personal suitability: criminal record extract or certificate of good conduct from your country of origin. The certificate must not be older than 3 months at the time of application.
- Proof of your health suitability: Medical certificate.

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The certificate must not be older than 3 months at the time of application.

- Proof of your German language skills: Language certificate

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

Voraussetzungen

- You have a professional qualification as a speech and language therapist from a third country.
- You want to work as a speech therapist in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a speech therapist and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a speech therapist.
- You have German language skills at the required level. This is normally language level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Kosten

The responsible office will inform you of the costs. The costs generally depend on the time and effort required for processing.

Additional costs may be incurred (e.g. for translations, certifications or compensatory measures). These costs vary from case to case.

Verfahrensablauf

Application

You submit an application to the competent authority for permission to use the professional title "speech therapist". You can submit the application with the documents to the competent authority or send it by post. Do not send any originals. Sometimes you can also send the application electronically. The responsible office will inform you.

Examination of equivalence

The competent authority will then check whether you

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meet all the requirements. An important requirement is the equivalence of your professional qualification. The competent body will compare your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification as a speech and language therapist. 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 competent authority can confirm the result in writing. You must still meet the other requirements and then you will receive permission to use the professional title "speech therapist".

Are there any significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification? You may be able to compensate for the differences through your professional experience, other knowledge or skills (lifelong learning). You must provide evidence of your professional experience. Knowledge and skills must be certified by an authority in the country in which you acquired the knowledge or skills.

However, it may be that the significant differences cannot be compensated for by this knowledge. In this case, your foreign professional qualification will not be recognized. You will then not be allowed to work as a speech therapist in Germany.

However, the competent authority will tell you the main differences and why you cannot compensate for the main differences with your professional experience.

In most cases, you can take a compensatory measure. This will allow you to compensate for the main differences.

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Compensatory measures

There are various compensatory measures:

- Adaptation course: The adaptation course lasts a maximum of three years.
- Knowledge examination: The knowledge examination tests your knowledge in certain subjects and areas. The knowledge test comprises an oral and practical part.

You can choose between an adaptation period or a knowledge test.

If you successfully complete the compensation measure and meet all other requirements, you will receive permission to use the professional title of "speech therapist".

Bearbeitungsdauer

4 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 4 months.

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None. Sometimes documents are still missing from the procedure. The responsible office will then inform you by when you must submit the documents.

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/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

Notification of equivalence

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

****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. We recommend that you first speak to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.

Kurztext

- Speech therapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification
 - To work as a speech therapist in Germany, you need a state permit.
 - With this permit, you can officially call yourself a "speech therapist" and work in the profession.
 - You can also obtain a state permit 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

Zuständige Stelle

Formulare

Ursprungsportal

Anerkennung als "Logopädin" oder "Logopäde" mit Berufsqualifikation aus Drittstaaten beantragen, Apply for recognition as a "speech therapist" with a professional qualification from a third country