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# Foreign professional qualification Recognition as a childhood educator

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150078001000, 99150078001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Foreign professional qualification Recognition as a childhood educator
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	4 - Land: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (150)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anerkennung beruflicher Qualifikationen,

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	einschließlich beruflicher Bildung
Lagen Portalverbund	Berufsausbildung (1030200), Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (1040400), Integration (1080400)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	16.07.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of Science and Culture of the State of Lower Saxony and Recognition Finder Germany
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/</a> <a href="https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/cite/8a48fc3a-498a-3beb-8ee6-d19eb6fe2314">https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/cite/8a48fc3a-498a-3beb-8ee6-d19eb6fe2314</a> <a href="https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/df196327-49ae-3d3a-954e-51ce93a83ec4">https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/df196327-49ae-3d3a-954e-51ce93a83ec4</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/</a> <a href="https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/cite/8a48fc3a-498a-3beb-8ee6-d19eb6fe2314">https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/cite/8a48fc3a-498a-3beb-8ee6-d19eb6fe2314</a> <a href="https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/df196327-49ae-3d3a-954e-51ce93a83ec4">https://voris.wolterskluwer-online.de/browse/document/df196327-49ae-3d3a-954e-51ce93a83ec4</a>
Teaser	With a university degree obtained abroad in the field of early education, kindergarten, pre-school education, elementary education or childhood education, you can apply for recognition as a childhood educator (B.A.) or childhood educator (B.A.) in Germany.
Volltext	<p><b>**Important note:**</b> For a university degree in the field of working with children from 0-6 years or 0-10 years, no application for state recognition as an educator can be submitted, as the training to become an educator is a broad-based technical school education that also enables students to work with adolescents and partly young adults and thus does not only focus on the age group 0-14 years, but extends to the age group 0-27 years. It is therefore not to be equated with a university degree.</p> <p>Childhood educators work in many areas of work with children from 0 to 12/14 years and their families. State recognition is required for work in child and youth welfare, especially in day-care centres. If you have</p>

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completed a course of study abroad in the field of early education or in elementary or primary education (kindergarten, primary school), you can apply for state recognition in Germany with this degree. This recognition entitles you to use the professional title "State-approved childhood educator (B.A.)" or "State-approved childhood educator (B.A.)". This also makes it possible, for example, to work in day-care centres and, in addition, state recognition opens up access to management positions in these fields of activity.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

You will need the following documents:

- Tabular list of the training and study programmes you have completed and the number of gainful employment you have carried out
- Indication of your contact details (address, current place of residence / e-mail)
- Proof of identity
- Certified university degree or bachelor's degree certificate including overviews of subjects and grades or other evidence of competence and training / transcript of records / Diploma Supplement on studying abroad
- Certificate of authorization to practice the profession
- Evidence of practical professional activities: Internship contracts and / or employment contracts, including the assessments with details of the practice facilities, showing the activities / tasks completed, the respective period and, if applicable, the evaluations of the activity.
- Explanation of whether and to which body you have already submitted an application for a determination of equivalence and, if applicable, a decision on the determination of equivalence

All documents must be submitted in the original or as a certified copy and in German. If the documents are written in another language, you may also need a translation by a publicly appointed translator.

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Additional documentation may be required.

At the time of application, knowledge of the German language at least at language level B2 is recommended.

For state recognition in Lower Saxony, at least 900 hours of practical work in pedagogical work with children aged 0-10 years must be proven.

**Voraussetzungen**

Before submitting your application \*\*, please use\*\* the individual counselling request in accordance with § 22 SozHeilKindVO. In this way, it can be clarified at an early stage whether an application for recognition makes sense at all.

<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/index.php>

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**Kosten**

Fees may apply. Please contact the appropriate authority.

**Verfahrensablauf**

For recognition, the competent authority checks on the basis of your certificates whether and to what extent your foreign qualification is a German qualification for the profession of childhood educator (B.A.) /of the Childhood Educator (B.A.). This review is based on defined formal and content-related criteria, such as the duration and content of the university studies. Your relevant professional experience will be taken into account as well as other relevant qualifications.

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**\*\*Important note:\*\*** For academic qualifications, you can apply for a basic assessment of your university

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degree by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB). The assessment by the ZAB does not replace the procedure for state recognition to be applied for here (content review by a competent university).

Further information can be found on the "Recognition in Germany" portal. This internet portal provides quick and easy answers to questions about recognition, for example:

- Do I have to have my professional qualification recognised?
- Is the recognition worth it for me?
- May I submit the application? Do I have a formal right to it?
- Who should I contact?
- What does the procedure look like?
- What documents are required? What form do the documents have to have?
- How long does the procedure take?
- How much does the procedure cost?
- Which laws are relevant to my case?

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**Bearbeitungsdauer**

A maximum of three months.

**Frist**

There are no deadlines to be observed. The deadline for submitting the application begins with the confirmation of the competent authority that the required documents are complete.

**weiterführende Informationen**
**Hinweise**

The service centres of the "Integration through Qualification" network (IQ Network) will be happy to advise and support you before, during and after the recognition procedure.

<https://www.netzwerk-iq.de/>

<https://www.kmk.org/zab/zeugnisbewertung.html>

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Rechtsbehelf	The decision can be appealed against
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign professional qualification Recognition as a childhood educator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed information: Portal Recognition in Germany</li> <li>• The responsibility lies with the universities in Lower Saxony that offer the Bachelor's degree programmes in Childhood Education and grant state recognition of childhood educators: Emden/Leer University of Applied Sciences, HAWK Hildesheim University of Applied Sciences</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	<p>University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer</p> <p>University of Applied Sciences HAWK Hildesheim</p> <p>Point of contact: BQFG-Stelle@hs-emden-leer.de</p>
Zuständige Stelle	The responsibility lies with the universities in Lower Saxony that offer the Bachelor's degree programmes in Childhood Education and grant state recognition of childhood educators.
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Foreign professional qualification Recognition as a childhood educator, Ausländische Berufsqualifikation Anerkennung als Kindheitspädagogin oder Kindheitspädagoge