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Occupational therapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150014001000, 99150014001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Occupational therapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Occupational therapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Brandenburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen

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Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
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	07.12.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training Federal Ministry of Health
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bearbthg/_1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/ergthapr/_16b.html
Teaser	You would like to work as an occupational therapist in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To obtain the state permit, you can have your foreign professional qualification recognised.
Volltext	<p>The occupational therapy profession is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to be able to work as an occupational therapist in Germany, you need a state permit. This permit allows you to use the professional title "occupational therapist" and to work in the profession.</p> <p>Even if you have a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can obtain a state permit from the competent authority in Germany. 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 recognised.</p> <p>In the recognition procedure, the competent body compares your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and checks</p>

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the equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for the granting of the state permit.

In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the granting of the permit. Further requirements are, 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 submit the application for the procedure from abroad.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

The relevant office will tell you what 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 qualification (e.g. certificates, professional certificate)
- Evidence of education
- Evidence of your relevant professional experience as an occupational therapist
- Evidence of other relevant knowledge for work as an occupational therapist
- Do you not yet live or work in the EU, EEA or Switzerland? Then you must provide evidence You want to work in Germany in the profession. Evidence can be: Applications for a job, proof of your application for an entry visa for gainful employment or personal declaration.

You usually hand in these documents later. The competent office will inform you when to hand in the documents:

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- Proof of your personal suitability: criminal record extract or certificate of good conduct from your country of origin. The proof 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.
- Proof of your German language skills: Language certificate

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

Voraussetzungen

- You have a professional qualification as an occupational therapist from a third country.
- You want to work as an occupational therapist in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable for work as an occupational therapist and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: You are mentally and physically able to work as an occupational therapist.
- You have German language skills at the required level. This is normally language level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Kosten

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

Additional costs may arise (e.g. for translations, certifications or compensatory measures). These costs vary individually.

Verfahrensablauf

****Application****

You submit an application for permission to use the occupational title "occupational therapist" to the competent body. You can hand in the application with the documents to the competent body or send it by

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post. Do not send any originals. Sometimes you can send the application electronically. The competent body will inform you.

****Checking the equivalence****

The competent body will then check whether you meet all the requirements. One important requirement is the equivalence of your professional qualification. The competent body compares your professional qualification from abroad with your German professional qualification as an occupational 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 recognised. The competent body can confirm the result to you in writing. You still have to meet the other requirements, after which you will be granted permission to use the occupational title "occupational 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 practice, other knowledge or skills (lifelong learning). You have to prove the professional practice. Knowledge and skills must be certified by an authority of the state in which you acquired the knowledge or skills.

However, it may be that the essential differences cannot be compensated by this knowledge. If this is the case, your foreign professional qualification will not be recognised. You will then not be allowed to work as an occupational therapist in Germany.

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However, the competent body will tell you the essential differences and why you cannot compensate for the essential differences through your professional practice.

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

****Compensatory measures****

There are different 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 a practical part.

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

If you successfully complete the compensatory measure and meet all other requirements, you will receive permission to use the occupational title "occupational therapist".

Bearbeitungsdauer

4 Monat(e)

The competent body will inform you if any documents are missing. If the documents are complete, the procedure takes 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 have to 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/>

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	https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/ https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html
Hinweise	<p>**Equivalency notice**</p> <p>The examination of equivalence (recognition procedure) also takes place during the licensing procedure. You can apply for a separate decision on the result of the examination.</p> <p>**Procedure for late repatriates**</p> <p>As a late repatriate, you can either go through the recognition procedure 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 best.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	<p>You can take legal action (e.g. file an objection) against the decision of the competent body 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. We recommend that you first talk to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.</p>
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational therapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work as an occupational therapist in Germany, you need a state permit. • With this permit, you can officially call yourself an "occupational 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	<p>[There are many advisory services. You can find these on the Recognition in Germany portal.](https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratung.php)</p> <p>[You can also call the hotline of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. The hotline will answer your</p>

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questions on the subject of "Working and living in Germany". Telephone number: +49 30 1815-1111
Office hours: Monday to Friday 08:00 - 18:00 (CET)](<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/hotline.php>)
[Ask an IQ advice center for personal advice on this procedure and your qualifications. The advisors will also help you with your documents before you submit your application. The advice is free of charge.](<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratungssuche.php>)
[If you are abroad: You can also contact the Central Service Center for Professional Recognition (ZSBA) via the hotline. This offers you in-depth advice and support in the recognition procedure and provides location advice.](<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php>)

Zuständige Stelle

Formulare

Ursprungsportal

Ergotherapeutin oder Ergotherapeut mit Ausbildung aus Drittstaaten, Berufsqualifikation anerkennen, Occupational therapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification