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# Apply for recognition as a medical-technical laboratory assistant with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (150)
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	Ja
Fachlich freigegeben am	17.02.2023
Fachlich freigegen durch	Federal Ministry of Health Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training
Handlungsgrundlage	§ Section 75 Medical Technology Professions Act (MT-Berufe-Gesetz - MTBG)  • in conjunction with. § 1 Para. 1 No. 1, § 2 Para. 1-4 Law on Technical Assistants in Medicine in the version applicable on December 31, 2022  • i.V.m. §§ Sections 25, 25a, 25c Training and
	Examination Ordinance for Technical Assistants in Medicine in the version applicable on 31 December 2022 https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mtbg/75.html
Teaser	You would like to work in Germany as a medical-technical laboratory assistant? Then you need a state permit. You can have your foreign professional qualification recognized for this purpose.
Volltext	The profession of medical-technical laboratory assistant is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a medical-technical laboratory assistant in Germany, you need a state permit. With the permit, you are allowed to use the job title "medical-technical laboratory assistant" and work in the profession.





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Even with a professional qualification from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, you can obtain the state permit from the competent body in Germany.

To obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.

On January 1, 2023, the training of professions in medical technology was reformed in Germany. The new law on professions in medical technology applies. The profession on this basis is called medical technologist for laboratory analysis. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on the basis of the old Act on Technical Assistants in Medicine. Until December 31, 2026, foreign professional qualifications may still be recognized as Medical Technical Laboratory Assistant or Medical Technical Laboratory Assistant on a transitional basis under certain circumstances. The responsible office will advise you.

In the recognition procedure, the competent body 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 the state permit.

In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must fulfill other requirements for the issuance of the permit. 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 submit the application for the procedure from abroad.

# Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Proof of identity (identity card or passport)
- Marriage certificate (if your name has changed due





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- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of your professional qualification (for example, certificates, professional certificate)
- Proof of education
- Evidence of your relevant work experience as a medical laboratory technician
- Proof of further relevant knowledge for the work as a medical-technical laboratory assistant
- Maybe: You come from a third country and do not yet live or work in the EU, the EEA or Switzerland? Then you have to prove: You want to work in Germany in the profession. Proofs are, for example, the application for an entry visa for gainful employment, applications for a job, invitations to job interviews, a business concept or a location note from the Central Service Office for Professional Recognition (ZSBA).

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

- 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, as a certified copy or as an original.

# Voraussetzungen

- You have a professional qualification as a medical-technical laboratory assistant from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland.
- You want to work in Germany as a medical-technical laboratory assistant.





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- Personal suitability: You are reliable for work as a medical-technical laboratory assistant and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: you are mentally and physically able to work as a medical-technical laboratory assistant.
- 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 (for example, for translations, certifications or compensatory measures). These costs vary individually.

# Verfahrensablauf

\*\*Application\*\*

You submit an application for permission to use the occupational title "medical-technical laboratory assistant" to the competent office. You can hand in the application with the documents to the competent office or send it by mail. Do not send originals. Sometimes you can also send the application electronically. The competent office 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 the German professional qualification as a medical-technical laboratory assistant. The professional qualification is equivalent if there are no significant differences between your foreign professional qualification and the German professional qualification.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Possible results of the examination\*\*





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If your professional qualification is equivalent, your foreign professional qualification will be recognized. The authority can confirm the result to you in writing. You still have to fulfill the other requirements. Then you will receive permission to use the occupational title "medical-technical laboratory assistant" or "medical-technical laboratory assistant".

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. In this case, your foreign professional qualification will not be recognized. You will then not be allowed to work as a medical-technical laboratory assistant in Germany.

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

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

\*\*Compensatory measures\*\*

There are several compensatory measures:

- Adaptation course: the adaptation course lasts a maximum of three years.
- Aptitude test: In the aptitude test, only the areas in which significant differences have been identified are tested. The aptitude test is an examination interview.





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	You can choose between an adaptation course or a proficiency test.
	If you successfully complete the compensatory measure and meet all other requirements, you will be granted permission to use the occupational title "medical-technical laboratory assistant".
Bearbeitungsdauer	4 Monat(e) The responsible office 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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weiterführende Informationen	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mtbg/5.html https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/f inanzielle-foerderung.php https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/ https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/ https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/10.html
Hinweise	**Freedom to provide services**
	You would like to offer services in Germany only sometimes and for a short time? Then you usually do not need the state permission. You must meet these requirements:
	<ul> <li>You must be established in another state of the EU, EEA or Switzerland.</li> <li>You must prove your professional qualification.</li> <li>You must notify the competent body of your activity in writing.</li> </ul>
	The competent body will inform you whether you are allowed to provide services or whether you have to pass an aptitude test.
	**Equivalency notice**
	The equivalence examination (recognition procedure)





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also takes place in the permit procedure. You can apply for a separate decision on the result of the examination.

\*\*Procedure for late repatriates\*\*

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.

# Rechtsbehelf

You can take legal action (e.g. file an appeal) against the decision of the responsible office within a certain period. 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.

- Permission to use the occupational title of medical-technical laboratory assistant in the case of professional qualification from EU/EEA/Switzerland Issue
- To work as a medical-technical laboratory assistant in Germany, you need a state permit.
- With the permit, one may officially call oneself a "medical-technical laboratory assistant" and work in the profession.
- Even with professional qualifications from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, one can obtain the state permit in Germany.
- On January 1, 2023, the training of professions in medical technology in Germany was reformed. The new law on professions in medical technology applies. The profession on this basis is called medical technologist for laboratory analysis. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications based on the old Act on Technical Assistants in Medicine. Until December 31, 2026, foreign professional qualifications may still be recognized as Medical Technologist for Laboratory Analytics on a transitional basis.

# Kurztext





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Ansprechpunkt	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.
	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.
	There are many advisory services. You can find these on the Recognition in Germany portal.
	You can also call the hotline of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. The hotline will answer your 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)
Zuständige Stelle	State Office for Occupational Safety, Consumer Protection and Health (LAVG) - Health Department
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Apply for recognition as a medical-technical laboratory assistant with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland, Anerkennung als Medizinisch-technische Laboratoriumsassistentin oder Medizinisch-technischer Laboratoriumsassistent mit Berufsqualifikation aus EU/EWR/Schweiz beantragen