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Apply for recognition as a midwife with a professional qualification that is not automatically recognized

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Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hessen
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	Ja
Fachlich freigegeben am	06.12.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Hessian Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Sport, Health and Care
Handlungsgrundlage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • §§ Sections 5, 43, 44, 54 of the Act on the Study and Profession of Midwives (Midwifery Act - HebG) • §§ Sections 43, 44, 48 ff. of the Study and Examination Ordinance for Midwives (HebStPrV) <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • § Section 77a para. 1 HebG in conjunction with § 2 para. 2 HebG old version <p> https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebg_2020/_5.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebstprv/_43.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebg_2020/_77a.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebg_2020/_5.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebstprv/_43.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebg_2020/_77a.html </p>
Teaser	Would you like to work as a midwife in Germany? Then you need a state permit. In order to obtain the state permit, you can have your foreign professional qualification recognized.

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Volltext

The profession of midwife is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a midwife in Germany, you need a state license. With this permit, you can use the professional title "midwife" and work in the profession.

You can also obtain a state permit from the competent authority in Germany if you have a professional qualification from abroad. In order to obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.

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 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 include, for example, sufficient German language skills and health suitability.

If your professional qualification is automatically recognized, 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 midwife
- Proof of other relevant knowledge for working as a midwife
- Perhaps: You come from a third country and do not yet live or work in the EU, EEA or Switzerland? Then you must provide proof: You want to work in the profession

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in Germany. Proof can be, for example, an application for an entry visa for gainful employment, 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. The responsible office will inform you when you should hand in the documents:

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

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

Voraussetzungen

- You have a professional qualification as a midwife from abroad.
 - In order to obtain a state permit, the equivalence of your professional qualification must be checked.
- You want to work as a midwife in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a midwife and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a midwife.
- 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 of the costs. The costs generally depend on the time and effort required for processing.

Additional costs may be incurred (e.g. for translations

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	or notarizations). These costs vary from case to case.
Verfahrensablauf	<p>**Application**</p> <p>You submit an application for permission to use the professional title "midwife" to the competent authority.</p> <p>You can submit the application with the documents to the competent authority, send it by post or upload it electronically. Do not send any originals.</p> <p>**Examination of equivalence**</p> <p>The competent body will then check whether you meet all the requirements. An important requirement is the equivalence of your professional qualification. The competent authority will compare your professional qualification with the German professional qualification as a midwife. The professional qualification is equivalent if there are no significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification.</p> <p>Note: If your professional qualification is automatically recognized, the competent authority will not carry out an equivalence check. This is a different procedure. The competent authority will inform you.</p> <p>**Possible results of the equivalence assessment**</p> <p>If your foreign professional qualification is equivalent, it will be recognized. The competent authority can confirm the result in writing. You must still meet the other requirements. You will then receive permission to use the professional title "midwife".</p> <p>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). Knowledge and skills must be certified by an authority in the country in which you acquired the knowledge or skills.</p>

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However, it may be that the significant differences cannot be compensated for by your professional experience, knowledge or skills. In this case, the competent authority will inform you of the significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification and why you cannot compensate for these significant differences with your professional experience or your knowledge and skills.

The competent authority will also tell you what compensatory measures you can take to offset the significant differences.

If you decide not to take compensatory measures, your professional qualification will not be recognized and you will not be allowed to work as a midwife in Germany.

****Compensatory measures****

There are various compensation measures:

- Adaptation course: The adaptation course lasts a maximum of 3 years.
- Aptitude test: The aptitude test consists of a practical examination combined with an interview.
- Knowledge examination for professional qualifications from a third country: The knowledge examination tests your knowledge in certain subjects and areas. The knowledge test comprises an oral and a practical part.

The competent authority will inform you whether you have to take one or more compensatory measures and whether you can choose which of the compensatory measures you take. This depends on the level of your training.

If you successfully complete the compensatory measure and meet all other requirements, you will receive permission to use the professional title

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	"midwife".
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.
Frist	There is no deadline. Sometimes documents are still missing from the procedure. The responsible office will then inform you by when you have to submit the documents. This may prolong the procedure.
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Hinweise	<p>**Partial access to the profession for professional qualifications from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland** Your professional qualification is not equivalent and the differences are too great? Then you may be able to work in the profession with partial access to the profession. With partial access to the profession, you can also work in the midwifery profession without recognition. There are certain requirements for this. Your professional qualification must include at least one so-called **reserved activity** of the German professional qualification of a midwife. Only specially trained persons may carry out reserved activities. You must also provide proof: You are personally suitable, in good health and have the required knowledge of German.</p> <p>With partial access to the profession, you may only carry out certain tasks as a midwife. You apply for partial access to the profession at the competent authority.</p>

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Notice of equivalence

The equivalence assessment (recognition procedure) also takes place during the licensing procedure. You can apply for a separate 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 Expellees Act. You can decide for yourself. The responsible office will advise you which procedure is right for you.

Using the (male) professional title "maternity nurse"

Until the end of 2024, you can also apply for the (male) professional title "maternity nurse". The regulations of the Midwives Act as amended until December 31, 2019 will then apply. Your competent authority will inform you about the details.

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. You should first speak to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.

Kurztext

- Apply for recognition as a midwife with a professional qualification for which an equivalence test is carried out.
- To work as a midwife in Germany, you need a state permit.
- With this permit, you can officially call yourself a "midwife" and work in the profession.
- The equivalence of the foreign professional qualification with the German qualification is checked. This means that the foreign professional qualification is not automatically recognized.
- An equivalence check is always carried out for

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	<p>professional qualifications from third countries. Third countries are all countries that do not belong to the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In certain cases, an equivalence assessment is also carried out for professional qualifications from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland. The competent authority will provide information on the procedure.
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Zuständige Stelle	Hessian State Office for Health and Care
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	<p>Apply for recognition as a midwife with a professional qualification that is not automatically recognized, Anerkennung als Hebamme mit einer Berufsqualifikation beantragen, die nicht automatisch anerkannt wird</p>