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# Physiotherapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150038001000, 99150038001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Physiotherapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Physiotherapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification
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 (150)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)

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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	06.12.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Hessian Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Sport, Health and Care
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mphg/_1.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mphg/_1.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/physth-aprv/_21b.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/physth-aprv/_21b.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mphg/_1.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mphg/_1.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/physth-aprv/_21b.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/physth-aprv/_21b.html</a>
Teaser	Would you like to work as a physiotherapist in Germany? Then you need a state permit. In order to obtain the state permit, you can have your foreign professional qualification recognized.
Volltext	<p>The profession of physiotherapist is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a physiotherapist in Germany, you need a state license. With this permit, you can use the professional title "physiotherapist" 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</p>

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qualification is an important prerequisite for the granting of a state license.

In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the permit to be issued. 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 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 physiotherapist
- Proof of other relevant knowledge for working as a physiotherapist
- 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

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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 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 physiotherapist from a third country.
- You want to work as a physiotherapist in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable for working as a physiotherapist and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a physiotherapist.
- 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 also 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 "physiotherapist". 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\*\***

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The competent authority will then check whether you 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 physiotherapist. 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. You will then receive permission to use the professional title "physiotherapist".

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 physiotherapist 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 allows you to compensate for the main

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	<p>differences.</p> <p><b>**Compensatory measures**</b></p> <p>There are various compensatory measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation course: The adaptation course lasts a maximum of three years.</li> <li>• Knowledge examination: The knowledge examination tests your knowledge in certain subjects and areas. The knowledge test comprises an oral and practical part.</li> </ul> <p>You can choose between an adaptation period or a knowledge test.</p> <p>If you successfully complete the compensation measure and meet all other requirements, you will receive permission to use the professional title of "physiotherapist".</p>
Bearbeitungsdauer	<p>4 Monat(e)</p> <p>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.</p>
Frist	<p>None. Sometimes documents are still missing from the procedure. The responsible office will then inform you by when you must submit the documents.</p>
weiterführende Informationen	<p> <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de</a>  <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/fINANZIELLE-FOERDERUNG.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/fINANZIELLE-FOERDERUNG.php</a>  <a href="https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/">https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/</a>  <a href="https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/">https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/</a>  <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html</a>  <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de</a>  <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/fINANZIELLE-FOERDERUNG.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/fINANZIELLE-FOERDERUNG.php</a>  <a href="https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/">https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/</a>  <a href="https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/">https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/</a> </p>

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Hinweise	<p><b>**Notification of equivalence**</b></p> <p>The equivalence check (recognition procedure) also takes place during the licensing procedure. You can apply for a separate notification for the result of the examination.</p> <p><b>**Procedure for ethnic German repatriates**</b></p> <p>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 Expellee Act. You can decide for yourself. The responsible office will advise you on which procedure is right for you.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	You can take legal action against the decision of the competent authority within a certain period of time (e.g. lodge 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physiotherapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work as a physiotherapist in Germany, you need a state permit.</li> <li>• With this permit, you can officially call yourself a "physiotherapist" and work in the profession.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Zuständige Stelle	Hessian State Office for Health and Care
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Physiotherapeutin oder Physiotherapeut mit Ausbildung aus Drittstaaten, Berufsqualifikation anerkennen, Physiotherapist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification