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Applying for a license to practice as a dentist with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150091001000, 99150091001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for a license to practice as a dentist with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland
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Typisierung	3 - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Hessen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Anerkennung Ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (150)





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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)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Ja
Fachlich freigegeben am	06.12.2024
Fachlich freigegen durch	Hessian Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Sport, Health and Care
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/zhg/1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/zappro/BJNR09331 0019.html#BJNR093310019BJNG000900000 https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/10.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/zhg/1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/zappro/BJNR09331 0019.html#BJNR093310019BJNG000900000 https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/10.html
Teaser	Would you like to work as a dentist in Germany? Then you need a state license, the Approbation. You can also obtain a license to practice with a foreign professional qualification. To do so, you must have your professional qualification recognized.
Volltext	The profession of dentist is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a dentist in Germany without any restrictions, you need a license to practice. Approbation is the state license to practice the profession. This means that you are not allowed to work independently as a dentist without a license to practice. You can also obtain a license to practice dentistry in Germany with a professional qualification from a country in the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. In order to obtain a license to practice, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized. In the recognition procedure, the competent authority compares your professional qualification with the





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	German professional qualification and checks the equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for obtaining a license to practice.
	A professional qualification from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland is usually automatically recognized when you apply for a licence to practise. However, there may also be deviations from this rule. This depends on the country in which you completed your training and when. If you began your professional training after your country of training joined the EU/EEA, your professional qualification will be recognized automatically. If your professional qualification does not originate from the EU, EEA or Switzerland, other regulations apply.
	In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the permit to be issued. Further requirements include, for example, sufficient German language skills and health suitability. 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 the content and duration of your education (e.g. diploma supplement, transcript of records) Proof of your relevant professional experience as a dentist (e.g. employer references) Information on whether you have already submitted an application for a license to practice in Germany Do you not yet live or work in Germany? Then you may have to prove that you want to work as a dentist in Germany. Proof can be, for example, applications for a job, invitations to job interviews or a personal





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statement.

You only need to submit the following documents if your professional qualification was completed before a certain date (cut-off date). The competent authority will inform you:

Certificate of conformity

If no certificate of conformity is available: Proof of the content and duration of your training (for example, list of subjects and grades, study book, diploma supplement, transcript of records)

• Certificate: You must have worked legally and continuously in the profession for at least 3 years during the last 5 years before the certificate is issued.

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 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.

General German language skills at level B2 are required for the license to practice medicine. You can also submit the required language certificate during the licensing procedure. You must also take a medical language test at level C1 during the licensing procedure.

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





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	If your documents are not in German, you must submit German translations of your documents. The translations must be made by translators who are publicly appointed or authorized.
Voraussetzungen	 You have a professional qualification as a dentist from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland. You want to work as a dentist in Germany. Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a dentist and have no criminal record. Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a dentist. You have German language skills at the required level. This is usually general language skills at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and technical language skills at level C1.
Kosten	
Verfahrensablauf	If you would like to work as a dentist, there are various recognition processes depending on your country of training's accession to the EU/EEA and your professional qualification. • First, however, you apply for a license to practice at the competent authority: you can hand in 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 competent authority will inform you. • The competent authority will then check whether your training corresponds to the German training and whether all other requirements have been met.
	 Automatic recognition As a rule, the automatic recognition procedure applies. This applies if you started your vocational training after your country of training joined the EU/EEA. This means that if you also meet all other





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requirements, your professional qualification will be recognized without an individual equivalence assessment.

Certificate of conformity

• Vocational training that you started before the EU/EEA accession of your country of training (or that does not correspond to the legal designations) can also be recognized automatically.

• To do so, you must submit a certificate from the competent authority in your country of training. This must prove that your professional qualification meets the minimum EU standards ("certificate of conformity").

• If your professional qualification does not meet the minimum standards, you must provide proof of your professional experience. You must have worked as a dentist in your country of origin for 3 consecutive years in the 5 years prior to submitting your application. This must be confirmed by the competent authority in your country of origin.

Examination of equivalence

• If you cannot present a certificate of conformity or do not have enough professional experience, your training must be checked individually.

• The competent authority will compare your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification.

• The competent body will check whether your professional qualification is equivalent. 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





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If your professional qualification is equivalent:

• Then your foreign professional qualification will be recognized.

• The authority can confirm the result in writing.

• You still have to fulfill the other requirements and prove your language skills.

• You will then be granted a license to practice as a dentist.

If there are significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification:

• Then you may be able to compensate for the differences through your professional practice, 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 essential differences cannot be compensated for by this knowledge.

• In this case, the competent authority will tell you the main differences and why you cannot compensate for the main differences with your professional experience. The decision of the competent authority will also state the level of your training and the level required in Germany.

• You will then not be allowed to work as a dentist in Germany.

Aptitude test

• If your professional qualification is not equivalent and you cannot compensate for the differences, you





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	 can take an aptitude test. The aptitude test checks whether you also have the knowledge and skills required to practise the profession of dentist in the areas in which significant differences have previously been identified. The aptitude test may consist of a written, an oral and a practical section. The competent body decides which section(s) of the examination to take on the basis of the equivalence test. If you pass the aptitude test and meet all other requirements, you will be licensed as a dentist.
Bearbeitungsdauer	4 Monat(e) The responsible office will confirm that your application and documents have been received after a maximum of one month. The competent 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.
weiterführende Informationen	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/zhg/anlage.html https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/ zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/f inanzielle-foerderung.php https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/ https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/zhg/anlage.html https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/ zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/ inanzielle-foerderung.php https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/f inanzielle-foerderung.php https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/ https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/
Hinweise	The following information is available:
	Freedom to provide services Do you only want to offer services in Germany
	occasionally and for a short time? Then you do not





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	usually need a state permit. You must fulfill these requirements:
	 You must be established in another EU or EEA member state or in Switzerland. You must provide proof of your professional qualification. You must notify the competent authority of your activity in writing.
	The competent authority will inform you.
	Notification of equivalence
	The licensing procedure can also include an assessment of the equivalence of your training (recognition procedure). You can apply for a separate notification of 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 Expellee Act. You can decide for yourself. The responsible office will advise you on which procedure is right for you.
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. Recommendation: Talk to the responsible office first before taking legal action against the decision.
Kurztext	 License to practice as a dentist with professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland Issue Applying for a license to practice as a dentist with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland To work as a dentist in Germany, you need a state license (Approbation)





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	 you can also obtain a license to practice in Germany with a professional qualification from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland it is important where and when you acquired your professional qualification the competent German authority decides on the recognition of the professional qualification Required documents: the competent authority will inform you when and which documents must be submitted Requirements: Professional qualification Personal suitability: no criminal record health suitability required knowledge of German
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	Hessian State Office for Health and Care
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Approbation als Zahnärztin oder Zahnarzt mit Berufsqualifikation aus EU/EWR/Schweiz beantragen, Applying for a license to practice as a dentist with a professional qualification from the EU/EEA/Switzerland