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Apply for recognition as a speech therapist with professional qualifications from third countries

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150022001000, 99150022001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for recognition as a speech therapist with professional qualifications from third countries
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for recognition as a speech therapist with professional qualifications from third countries
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
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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	Berufsausbildung (1030200), Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (1040400)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
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Fachlich freigegen durch	Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training Federal Ministry of Health
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/logopg/_1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/logapro/_16b.htm I
Teaser	You would like to work as a speech therapist in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To obtain the state permit, you can have your foreign professional qualification recognized.
Volltext	<p>The profession of speech therapist is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a speech therapist in Germany, you need a state permit. With this permit, you may use the professional title "speech therapist" and work in the profession.</p> <p>Even with a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can obtain the 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>To obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In addition to the equivalence of the professional</p>

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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 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 responsible 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 (for example, certificates, professional certificate)
- Proof of education
- Proof of your relevant professional experience as a speech therapist
- Evidence of other relevant knowledge for your work as a speech and language therapist
- Do you not yet live or work in the EU, EEA or Switzerland? Then you have to prove 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 statement.

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

- Proof of your personal eligibility: 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.

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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 speech therapist from a third country.
- You want to work as a speech therapist in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a speech therapist and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: You are mentally and physically able to work as a speech therapist.
- You have German language skills at the required level. This is usually language level C1 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 a license to use the professional title "speech therapist" to the competent authority. You can hand in the application with the documents to the competent body or send it by mail. Do not send originals. Sometimes you can send the application electronically. The competent office will inform you.

****Checking the equivalence****

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The competent body will then check whether you meet all the requirements. An 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 speech 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 recognized. The competent body can confirm the result to you in writing. You still have to fulfill the other requirements, and then you will receive permission to use the professional title "Logopaedin" or "Logopäde".

Are there any significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification? Perhaps you can 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. Then your foreign professional qualification will not be recognized. You will then not be allowed to work as a speech therapist in Germany.

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 make a compensatory measure. This will allow you to compensate for the substantial differences.

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****Compensatory measures****

There are several compensatory measures:

- Adaptation course: the adaptation course lasts a maximum of three years.
- Knowledge examination: The knowledge examination tests your knowledge in specific subjects and areas. The knowledge examination includes an oral and practical part.

You can choose between an adaptation course or a knowledge test.

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

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.
Frist	None. Sometimes documents are still missing in the procedure. The responsible office will then inform you by when you have to submit the documents.
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Hinweise	**Equivalency notice** The equivalence test (recognition procedure) is also carried out during the licensing procedure. You can apply for a separate decision on the result of the examination.

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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 objection) 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 information on legal remedies at the end of your decision. We recommend that you first talk to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.

Kurztext

- Speech therapist with training from third countries, recognize professional qualification
 - To work as a speech therapist in Germany, you need a state permit.
 - With this permit, you can officially call yourself a "speech therapist" and work in the profession.
 - Even with a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can get the state permit in Germany. Third countries are all countries that do not belong to the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.

Ansprechpunkt

Zuständige Stelle

Formulare

Ursprungsportal

Anerkennung als Logopädin oder Logopäde mit Berufsqualifikation aus Drittstaaten beantragen, Apply for recognition as a speech therapist with professional qualifications from third countries