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# Orthoptist with training from third countries, recognise professional qualification

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150034001000, 99150034001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Orthoptist with training from third countries, recognise professional qualification
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Orthoptist with training from third countries, recognise professional qualification
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
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	Schule, Ausbildung und Studium (1030000), Berufsausbildung (1030200), Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (1040400)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	07.12.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training Federal Ministry of Health
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/orthoptg/_1.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/orthoptg/_1.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/orthoptapr/_16b.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/orthoptapr/_16b.html</a>
Teaser	You would like to work as an orthoptist in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To obtain the state permit, you can have your foreign professional qualification recognised.
Volltext	<p>The profession of orthoptist is regulated in Germany. This means: In order to be able to work as an orthoptist in Germany, you need a state permit. With this permit, you may use the professional title "orthoptist" or "orthoptist" and work in the profession.</p> <p>Even with a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can obtain a 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>In order to obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognised.</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>

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In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also meet other requirements for the granting 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 relevant 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 (e.g. certificates, professional certificate)
- Evidence of education
- Proof of your relevant professional experience as an orthoptist
- Evidence of other relevant knowledge for working as an orthoptist
- 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 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.

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- 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 an orthoptist from a third country.
- You want to work as an orthoptist in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable for the work as an orthoptist and have no criminal record.
- Health suitability: You are mentally and physically able to work as an orthoptist.
- 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 (e.g. for translations, certifications or compensatory measures). These costs vary individually.

## Verfahrensablauf

### **\*\*Application\*\***

You submit an application for a licence to use the professional title "orthoptist" to the competent authority. You can hand in the application with the documents to the competent body or send it by post. Do not send originals. Sometimes you can send the application electronically. The competent body will inform you.

### **\*\*Checking the equivalence\*\***

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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 an orthoptist. 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 recognised. The competent body can confirm the result to you in writing. You still have to fulfil the other requirements. Then you will receive the permission to use the professional title "Orthoptistin" or "Orthoptist".

Are there any essential 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 the knowledge or skills were acquired.

However, it may be that the essential differences cannot be compensated by this knowledge. In this case, your foreign professional qualification will not be recognised. You are then not allowed to work as an orthoptist in Germany.

However, the competent authority will tell you the essential differences and why you cannot compensate the essential differences by your professional practice.

In most cases you can make a compensatory measure. With this you can compensate for the essential differences.

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**\*\*Compensatory measures\*\***

There are different compensatory measures:

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

You can choose between an adaptation period and a knowledge test.

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

**Bearbeitungsdauer**

4 Monat(e)  
 The competent body 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 from the procedure. The responsible office will then inform you by when you have to submit the documents.

**weiterführende Informationen**

<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/finanzielle-foerderung.php>  
<https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/>  
<https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/>  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/\\_10.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html)

**Hinweise**
**\*\*Equivalency notice\*\***

The examination of equivalence (recognition procedure) also takes place during the licensing procedure. You can apply for a separate decision on

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	<p>the result of the examination.</p> <p><b>**Procedure for late repatriates**</b></p> <p>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 best.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	<p>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.</p>
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthoptist with training from third countries, recognition of professional qualification             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work as an orthoptist in Germany, you need a state permit.</li> <li>• With this permit, you can officially call yourself an "orthoptist" 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> <li>• Responsible: Lower Saxony State Office for Social Affairs, Youth and Family - Lüneburg branch office, information: <a href="http://anerkennung-in-deutschland.de">anerkennung-in-deutschland.de</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	<p><a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratung.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratung.php</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratungssuche.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratungssuche.php</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/hotline.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/hotline.php</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/zentrale-servicestelle-berufsanerkennung.php</a></p>
Zuständige Stelle	<p>Lower Saxony State Office for Social Affairs, Youth and Family - Lüneburg Branch Office</p>

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Formulare	<p>Forms can be obtained from the responsible office. Online procedure: Ask the responsible office whether you can submit the application online.</p> <p>You do not need to appear in person.</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Orthoptist with training from third countries, recognise professional qualification, Orthoptistin oder Orthoptist mit Ausbildung aus Drittstaaten, Berufsqualifikation anerkennen</p>