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# Apply for recognition as a geriatric nurse with a professional qualification from a third country

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150010001000, 99150010001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for recognition as a geriatric nurse with a professional qualification from a third country
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for recognition as a geriatric nurse with a professional qualification from a third country
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	Berufsausbildung (1030200), Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen (1040400)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	08.12.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth Federal Ministry of Health Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training
Handlungsgrundlage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• §§ Sections 40, 43, 58 (2), 64a (2) of the Nursing Professions Act (Pflegeberufegesetz - PflBG)</li> <li>• §§ 43 ff. Training and Examination Ordinance for the Nursing Professions (Nursing Professions Training and Examination Ordinance - PflAPrV)</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• § Sections 66a (1), 64a (2) of the Nursing Professions Act (Pflegeberufegesetz - PflBG)</li> <li>• in conjunction with. § Sections 1, 2 (3) and 4b of the Geriatric Nursing Act (AltPflG) in the version valid on December 31, 2019</li> <li>• in conjunction with § Section 21 of the Training and Examination Ordinance for the Profession of Geriatric Nurse (AltPflAPrV) in the version valid on December 31, 2019</li> </ul> <p> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_40.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_40.html</a>  <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflaprv/_43.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflaprv/_43.html</a>  <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_66a.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_66a.html</a> </p>
Teaser	Would you like to work as a geriatric nurse in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To do so, you must submit an application and have your foreign professional qualification recognized.
Volltext	The profession of geriatric nurse is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a

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geriatric nurse in Germany, you need a state permit. With this permit, you can use the professional title "geriatric nurse" and work in the profession. You can also apply to use the professional title "geriatric nurse".

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. In order to obtain the permit, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.

On January 1, 2020, nursing training in Germany was reformed and the new Nursing Professions Act came into force. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on the basis of the Geriatric Nursing Act. Your foreign professional qualification may still be recognized under the old Geriatric Nursing Act on a transitional basis until 31 December 2024. The responsible office will advise you.

In the recognition procedure, the competent authority will compare your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and check the equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for the granting of a state license.

You can also dispense with an equivalence test and complete a knowledge test or an adaptation period directly. In this case, the competent authority will not carry out an equivalence test.

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.

If your professional qualification comes from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland, other regulations apply.

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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 in a profession comparable to geriatric care
- Proof of other relevant knowledge for working as a geriatric nurse
- Information about an application for recognition that has already been submitted. Then state the body to which you have submitted the application.
- Proof that you wish to work in the profession in Germany
- Do you still live or work in a third country, i.e. not in the EU, the EEA or Switzerland? Then you may have to prove that you have received a letter of acceptance from a health and care institution to work as a care worker in Germany.

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.
- Proof of your health suitability: Medical certificate.
- Proof of your German language skills: Language certificate

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	<p>you need to submit as a simple copy, a certified copy or the original.</p>
Voraussetzungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a comparable professional qualification as a geriatric nurse from a third country.</li> <li>• You want to work as a geriatric nurse in Germany.</li> <li>• Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a geriatric nurse and have no criminal record.</li> <li>• Health suitability: You are mentally and physically fit to work as a geriatric nurse.</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>
Kosten	<p>The costs generally depend on the time and effort required for processing.</p> <p>Additional costs may also be incurred (e.g. for translations, certifications or compensatory measures such as an adaptation period or a knowledge test). These costs vary from person to person.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<p><b>**Application**</b></p> <p>You apply to the competent authority for permission to use the professional title "geriatric nurse". Or you can apply to use the professional title "geriatric nurse". You can submit the application with the documents to the relevant office, send it by post or upload it electronically. Do not send any originals.</p> <p><b>**Examination of equivalence**</b></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 from abroad with the German professional qualification as a geriatric nurse in accordance with the Nursing Professions Act or the Geriatric Care Act. The professional qualification is equivalent if there are no significant differences between your professional qualification and the</p>

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German professional qualification.

You can also dispense with an equivalence test and complete a knowledge test or an adaptation period directly. In this case, the competent authority will not carry out an equivalence assessment.

### **\*\*Possible results of the equivalence test\*\***

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 "geriatric nurse".

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, skills or competencies (lifelong learning). Knowledge, skills and competences must be certified by an authority in the country in which you acquired the knowledge, skills or competences.

However, it may be that the significant differences cannot be compensated for by your professional experience, knowledge, skills or competences. 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.

The competent authority will also inform you of compensatory measures that you can take to offset the significant differences. If you decide not to take compensatory measures, your professional qualification will not be recognized. You will then not be allowed to work as a geriatric nurse in Germany.

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

There are various compensation measures:

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- Adaptation course: The adaptation course lasts a maximum of 3 years.

- Knowledge examination: The knowledge examination tests your knowledge in certain subjects and areas. The knowledge test comprises an oral and practical part.

Even if you decide not to take an equivalence test, you can choose between an adaptation period or a knowledge test.

If you successfully complete the compensation measure and meet all other requirements, you will receive permission to use the professional title "geriatric nurse".

### 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 must 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

**\*\*Notification of equivalence\*\***

The equivalence check is also carried out as part of the permit procedure (recognition procedure). You can apply for a separate decision on the result of the check.

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**\*\*Procedure for late 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 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. You should first speak to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.

**Kurztext**

- Applying for recognition as a geriatric nurse with a professional qualification from a third country
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  - On January 1, 2020, nursing training in Germany was reformed and the new Nursing Professions Act came into force. There is a transitional period for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications on the basis of the Geriatric Nursing Act. Until 31.12.2024, foreign professional qualifications may still be recognized under the old Geriatric Nursing Act on a transitional basis
    - Responsible: Lower Saxony State Office for Social Affairs, Youth and Family - Lüneburg branch office, information: [anerkennung-in-deutschland.de](https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de)

**Ansprechpunkt**

<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratung.php>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/beratungssuche.php>  
<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/>

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Zuständige Stelle	<p>Lower Saxony State Office for Social Affairs, Youth and Family - Lüneburg branch office, information:  <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de">anerkennung-in-deutschland.de</a></p>
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>Anerkennung als Altenpflegefachperson mit Berufsqualifikation aus Drittstaaten beantragen, Apply for recognition as a geriatric nurse with a professional qualification from a third country</p>