

99150018001000

Permission to use the professional title of nurse for professional qualifications from third countries

Heruntergeladen am 14.06.2025

<https://fimportal.de/xzufi-services/S1000020010000012186/S100002>

Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99150018001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Permission to use the professional title of nurse for professional qualifications from third countries
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Application for a professional permit as a nurse from third countries (recognition)
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Foreign qualification</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Equivalency assessment</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Recognition in Germany</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">adaptation course</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">foreign degree</div>, <div

Modul

Sachverhalt

`<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">professional qualification</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">work permit</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Permission to use the professional title</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">professional recognition</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Access to occupation</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">adaptation period</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">notice of recognition</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">recognition procedure</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Aptitude test</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">professional recognition</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Certificate of Equivalence</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">healthcare profession</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Professional Qualifications Assessment Act</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Recognition in Germany</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Directive 2005/36/EC</div>`, `<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">LPA</div>`

Leistungstyp

Leistungsgruppierung

Verrichtungskennung

SDG-Informationsbereich

Lagen Portalverbund

Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner

Ja

Fachlich freigegeben am

02.02.2025

Fachlich freigegeben durch

Handlungsgrundlage

Section 1 Paragraph 1, 40, 41, 42 43 Nursing Professions Act
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_1.html\]](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_1.html)(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_1.html)
 § 2 Nursing Professions Act
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_2.html\]](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_2.html)(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflbg/_2.html)

Modul

Sachverhalt

§§ 43 ff. Nursing Professions Training and Examination Ordinance - PflAPrV
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflaprv/_43.html\]](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflaprv/_43.html)(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflaprv/_43.html)
 § 10 Federal Expellees Act
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html\]](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html)(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bvfg/_10.html)
 § 17 Professional Qualifications Assessment Act
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_17.html\]](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_17.html)(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bqfg/_17.html)

Teaser

Would you like to work as a nursing professional in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To obtain the state permit, you must submit an application and have your foreign professional qualification recognized.

Volltext

The profession of nursing is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a nursing professional in Germany, you need a state permit. With the permit, you can use the job title "nursing professional", "nurse woman" or "nursing professional" and work in the profession.

Even if you have a professional qualification from a so-called third country, you can still obtain state permission from the responsible authority in Germany. Third countries are all countries that are not part of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. To obtain permission, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized. In the recognition process, the responsible authority generally compares your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and checks their equivalence. The equivalence of the professional qualification is an important prerequisite for the granting of state permission.

You can also forgo the equivalence test and complete a knowledge test or an adaptation course directly. In this case, the responsible body will not carry out an equivalence test.

In addition to the equivalence of the professional qualification, you must also fulfill other requirements

Modul	Sachverhalt
	<p>for the permit to be granted.</p> <p>If your professional qualification comes from the EU, EEA or Switzerland, different rules apply.</p> <p>You can also apply for the procedure from abroad.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application (available online) • Documents according to leaflet (available online) • Proof of language proficiency B2/ technical language test (see leaflet) • Medical certificate (available online) • Official certificate of good conduct according to § 30 Para. 5 BZRG
Voraussetzungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have successfully completed training as a nursing specialist outside of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and are entitled to work independently as a nursing specialist there. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You want to work as a nurse in Germany. • Personal suitability: You are reliable to work as a registered nurse and have no criminal record. • Medical suitability: You can work mentally and physically as a nurse practitioner. • You have German language skills at the required language level. This is usually language level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
Kosten	<p>225.00 EUR - 650.00 EUR plus 42.00 EUR for the certificate</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You submit an application to the responsible authority for permission to use the professional title “nurse” or “nursing specialist”. Or you apply for the professional title “nursing specialist”. You can submit the application and the documents to the responsible authority, send them by post or upload them electronically. Do not send originals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The responsible body will then check whether you meet all the requirements. An important requirement is the equivalence of your professional qualification. The responsible body will compare your professional qualification with the German professional qualification as a nursing professional. The

Modul

Sachverhalt

professional qualification is equivalent if there are no significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification.

- You can also forgo the equivalence test and complete a knowledge test or an adaptation course directly. In this case, the responsible body will not carry out an equivalence test.

- If your foreign professional qualification is equivalent, it will be recognized. The responsible authority can confirm the result to you in writing. You must still meet the other requirements. You will then be permitted to use the professional title of "nursing professional", "nursing specialist" or "nursing specialist".

- Are there significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification? Perhaps you can compensate for the differences with your professional experience, other knowledge, skills or competences (lifelong learning). Knowledge, skills and competences must be certified by an authority in the state in which you acquired the knowledge, skills or competences.

- However, it may be that the essential differences cannot be compensated for by your professional experience, knowledge, skills or competences. In this case, the responsible body will tell you the essential differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification and why you cannot compensate for these essential differences. The responsible body will also tell you compensatory measures that you can take to compensate for the essential differences. If you decide not to take compensatory measures, your professional qualification will not be recognized and you will not be allowed to work as a nursing professional in Germany. There are various compensatory measures:

- Adaptation period: The adaptation period lasts a maximum of three years.

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

- If you successfully complete the compensatory measure and meet all other requirements, you will be permitted to use the professional title "nurse", "nurse

Modul	Sachverhalt
	professional" or "nursing specialist".
Bearbeitungsdauer	• up to 2 months in the accelerated procedure • up to 4 months in the regular procedure
Frist	No
weiterführende Informationen	https://www.hamburg.de/go/lpa https://www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt/
Hinweise	<p>The permit procedure (recognition procedure) also generally includes an examination of equivalence. You can apply for a separate notice of the result of the examination.</p> <p>As a late repatriate, you can choose to go through the recognition process according to the laws mentioned here or according to the Federal Expellees Act. You can decide for yourself. The responsible authority will advise you on which process is right for you.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	An objection to a negative decision can be raised within one month of notification at the office specified in the letterhead.
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nursing profession is regulated in Germany and requires a state permit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With this permission, you may use the professional titles "nurse", "nurse specialist" or "nursing professional". • Persons with a professional qualification from a third country can obtain state permission by having their qualification recognized. • Third countries are all countries outside the EU, the EEA and Switzerland. • In the recognition process, the foreign qualification is compared with the German one and checked for equivalence. • The equivalence of professional qualifications is an important prerequisite for the granting of state permission. • You can avoid the equivalence test by completing a knowledge test or an adaptation period. • In addition to equivalence, further requirements must be met for the permit to be granted. • Different rules apply to qualifications from the EU,

Modul	Sachverhalt
	EEA or Switzerland. • The application for recognition can also be submitted from abroad.
Ansprechpunkt	If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to [Hamburg Service](https://www.hamburg.de/service/info/hasi/12186)
Zuständige Stelle	Authority for Labor, Health, Social Affairs, Family and Integration
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link is only available in german)