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# Permission to use the professional title of masseuse or masseur and medical pool attendant with professional qualifications from the EU/EEA/Switzerland

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Leistungsschlüssel	99150023001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Permission to use the professional title of masseuse or masseur and medical pool attendant with professional qualifications from the EU/EEA/Switzerland
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Application for professional authorization as a masseur and medical bath attendant from EU/EEA/Switzerland (recognition)
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus

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**Leistungstyp**
**Leistungsgruppierung**
**Verrichtungskennung**
**SDG-Informationsbereich**
**Lagen Portalverbund**
**Einheitlicher  
Ansprechpartner**

Ja

**Fachlich freigegeben am**

02.02.2025

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**Handlungsgrundlage**

§ 1 paragraph 1 no. 1, 2 Law on the professions in physiotherapy  
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mbprg/\\_1.html\]](http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mbprg/_1.html)([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mbprg/\\_1.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mbprg/_1.html))  
 §§ 1, 16, 16b, 16c and Annex 1 to Section 1 Paragraph 1 of the Training and Examination Ordinance for Masseurs and Medical Bath Attendants  
[\[www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mb-aprv/BJNR377010994.html\]](http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mb-aprv/BJNR377010994.html)(<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/mb-aprv/BJNR377010994.html>)

**Teaser**

Would you like to work as a masseuse and medical lifeguard in Germany? Then you need a state permit. You can have your foreign professional qualification recognised.

**Volltext**

The profession of masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant in Germany, you need a state permit. With the permit, you can use the job title “masseuse and medical bath attendant” or “masseur and medical bath attendant” and work in the profession.

Even if you have a professional qualification from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, you can obtain state permission from the responsible authority in Germany.

To obtain permission, you must have your foreign professional qualifications recognized.

During the recognition process, the responsible body 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.

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

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for the permit to be granted.

If your professional qualification does not come from the EU, EEA or Switzerland, different rules apply.

You can also apply for the procedure from abroad.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

The responsible authority 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)
- CV
- Evidence of your professional qualifications (e.g. certificates, professional certificates)
- Training certificates
- Evidence of your relevant professional experience as a masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant
- Evidence of other relevant knowledge for working as a masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant
- You do not yet live or work in Germany? Then you may have to prove that you want to work in Germany in this profession. Evidence can include applications for a job, invitations to interviews, personal statements

You usually hand in these documents later. The responsible office will inform you when you should 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 be no more than 3 months old when the application is submitted.
- Proof of your health suitability: Medical certificate. The proof must be no more than 3 months old when you submit your application.
- Proof of your German language skills: Language certificate

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The competent authority will inform you which documents you must submit as a simple copy, a certified copy or the original.

**Voraussetzungen**

- You have successfully completed training as a masseuse and medical pool attendant in the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and are entitled to work there as a self-employed masseuse and medical pool attendant to work.
- You want to work in Germany as a masseuse and medical lifeguard.
- Personal Suitability: You are reliable to work as a massage therapist and medical lifeguard and have no criminal record.
- Medical suitability: You can work mentally and physically as a masseuse and medical pool attendant or masseur and medical pool attendant.
- 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**

225.00 EUR - 450.00 EUR  
plus 42.00 EUR for the certificate

**Verfahrensablauf**

- You submit an application to the competent authority for permission to use the professional title "masseuse and medical bath attendant" or "masseur and medical bath attendant". You can submit the application with the documents to the competent authority or send it by post. Do not send originals. Sometimes you can also send the application electronically. The competent authority will inform you.
- 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 from abroad with the German professional qualification as a masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant. The professional qualification is equivalent

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

- If your professional qualification is equivalent, your foreign professional qualification 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 "masseuse and medical bath attendant" or "masseur and medical bath attendant".

- Are there significant differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification? Perhaps you can compensate for the differences through your professional experience, 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 state 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, your foreign professional qualification will not be recognized. You will then not be allowed to work as a masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant in Germany. However, the responsible authority will tell you the essential differences and why you cannot compensate for the essential differences through your professional experience. In most cases, you can take a compensatory measure. This will allow you to compensate for the essential differences. There are various compensatory measures:

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

- Aptitude test: In the aptitude test, only those areas in which significant differences have been identified are examined. The aptitude test consists of a practical test.

- If you successfully complete the compensatory measure and meet all other requirements, you will be permitted to use the professional title "masseuse and medical bath attendant" or "masseur and medical bath attendant".

## Bearbeitungsdauer

- up to 2 months in the accelerated procedure • up to 4

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	months in the regular procedure
Frist	No
weiterführende Informationen	<a href="https://www.hamburg.de/go/lpa">https://www.hamburg.de/go/lpa</a> <a href="https://www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt/">https://www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt/</a>
Hinweise	<p>Do you only want to offer services in Germany occasionally and for a short period of time? In this case, you usually do not need a state permit. You must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must be established in another EU, EEA or Switzerland country.</li> <li>• You must provide proof of your professional qualifications.</li> <li>• You must report your activity in writing to the responsible authority.</li> </ul> <p>The competent authority will inform you whether you are permitted to provide services or whether you have to take an aptitude test.</p> <p>The permit procedure also includes an examination of equivalence (recognition procedure). 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"> <li>• To work as a masseuse and medical bath attendant or masseur and medical bath attendant in Germany you need a government permit.</li> <li>• With the permit, you can officially call yourself a "masseuse and medical bath attendant" or "masseur and medical bath attendant" and work in that profession.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can also obtain state permission in Germany if you have professional qualifications from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.</li> </ul>
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/12197)
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)