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Permission to use the professional title of midwife through automatic recognition

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99150020001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Permission to use the professional title of midwife through automatic recognition
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for recognition as a midwife with a professional qualification that will be automatically recognized
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	

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SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Ja
Fachlich freigegeben am	21.01.2025
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	<p>§§ 5, 43 ff. Law on the Study and Profession of Midwives (Midwifery Act - HebG) www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebg_2020/_43.html</p> <p>§§ 43-47, 55, 56 Study and Examination Ordinance for Midwives (HebStPrV) www.gesetze-im-internet.de/hebstprv/_43.html</p>
Teaser	<p>Would you like to work as a midwife in Germany? Then you need a state permit. To do this, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized. Foreign professional qualifications can be automatically recognized under certain conditions.</p>
Volltext	<p>The profession of midwife is regulated in Germany. This means that in order to work as a midwife in Germany, you need a state permit. With this permit, you can use the professional title "midwife" and work in the profession.</p> <p>Even if you have a professional qualification from abroad, you can still obtain state permission from the relevant authority in Germany. To obtain permission, you must have your foreign professional qualification recognized.</p> <p>In the recognition process, the responsible body compares your professional qualification from abroad with the German professional qualification and checks the equivalence. In some cases, your professional qualification can be recognized automatically. This means that no equivalence check is carried out. It is assumed that the training is equivalent.</p>

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Your professional qualifications are usually automatically recognized if you acquired your professional qualifications in a state of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or in Switzerland. However, there may be exceptions to this rule. This depends on which state you completed your training in and when.

There may be other cases in which your professional qualification is automatically recognised. The competent authority will inform you. If your professional qualification is not automatically recognised, other rules apply.

You must meet further requirements for the permit to be granted.

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 (ID card or passport)
- Marriage certificate (if your name changed through marriage)
- CV
- Evidence of your professional qualifications (e.g. certificates, professional certificate)
- Training certificates
- Evidence of your relevant professional experience as a midwife
- Evidence of other relevant knowledge for working as a midwife
- Maybe: You don't yet live or work in the EU, the EEA or Switzerland? Then you have to prove that you want to work in that profession in Germany. Evidence is e.g. B. Applications for a job, invitations to interviews or personal statements

You only need to submit the following documents if

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your professional qualification comes from the EU or EEA and was completed before a certain date (cutoff date). The responsible authority will inform you:

- Certificate of conformity

If there is no certificate of conformity:

Evidence of the content and duration of your training (e.g. list of subjects and grades, study book, diploma supplement, transcript of records)

- Certificate: You must have worked continuously and lawfully as a midwife for at least three years during the five years preceding the issue of the certificate. In some cases you only need to provide proof of two years. That depends on your training. The responsible office will inform you.

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 may be a maximum of 3 months old when the application is submitted.
- Proof of your health suitability: medical certificate. The proof may be a maximum of 3 months old when the application is submitted.
- Proof of your German language skills: language certificate

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

Voraussetzungen

- You have a professional qualification as a midwife, which is automatically recognized.
- You want to work as a midwife in Germany.
- Personal suitability: You are reliable for working as a midwife and have no criminal record.

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- Health suitability: You can work as a midwife mentally and physically.
- 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

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 or certifications). These costs vary from person to person.

Verfahrensablauf

- You submit an application to the responsible authority for permission to use the professional title "midwife". You can submit the application and the documents to the responsible authority, send them by post or upload them electronically. Do not send originals.
- The responsible authority will check whether you meet all the requirements for being granted permission to use the professional title "midwife". One requirement is that your professional qualifications are recognized.
- There are different cases in which a professional qualification can be automatically recognized. This generally applies if you have acquired your professional training in a member state of the EU, EEA or Switzerland. The responsible authority will inform you about the options for automatic recognition. With automatic recognition, the equivalence of your professional qualification is not checked individually. This means: If you also meet all other requirements (reliability, medical suitability, German language skills), you will be permitted to use the professional title "midwife".
- Vocational training from the EU or EEA can also be automatically recognised if it was started before your country of training joined the EU/EEA (or does not correspond to the legal designations). To do this, you must submit a certificate from the competent authority in your country of training that your professional qualification corresponds to the EU's minimum

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	<p>standards ("certificate of conformity").</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your professional qualifications do not meet the minimum standards, you must provide evidence of your professional experience. You must have worked as a midwife in your country of origin for 3 years without interruption in the last 5 years before submitting your application. The authorities in your country of origin must confirm this. • If your professional qualification is automatically recognized, you must still meet the additional requirements. You will then be permitted to use the professional title "midwife".
Bearbeitungsdauer	The responsible office will inform you if documents are missing. If the documents are complete, the process will take a maximum of 3 months.
Frist	There is no deadline. Sometimes documents are still missing from the process. The responsible office will then inform you by when you have to submit the documents. This can lengthen the process.
weiterführende Informationen	https://www.hamburg.de/bgv/hebammen/ https://www.hamburg.de/bgv/hebammen/
Hinweise	<p>Your professional qualifications are not equivalent and the differences are too great? Then you may be able to work in the profession with partial professional access. With partial professional access, you can work in the profession of midwife even without recognition. There are certain requirements for this. Your professional qualification must include at least one so-called reserved activity of the German professional qualification of a midwife. Reserved activities may only be carried out by specially trained people. You must also prove that you are personally suitable, medically suitable and have the necessary knowledge of German. With partial professional access, you can only take on certain tasks as a midwife. You apply for partial professional access at the responsible authority.</p> <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>

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- You must be established in another EU, EEA or Switzerland country.
- You must provide proof of your professional qualifications.
- You must provide evidence of German language skills at the required language level.
- You must prove your personal suitability.
- You must report your activity in writing to the responsible authority.

The permit procedure also includes an examination of equivalence (recognition procedure). You can apply for a separate notice of the result of the examination.

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.

Until the end of 2024, you can also apply for the (male) job title "midwife". The regulations of the Midwifery Act in the version valid until December 31, 2019 will then apply. Your responsible authority will inform you of the details.

Rechtsbehelf

You can take legal action against the decision of the responsible authority within a certain period of time (for example, lodge an objection). The decision is then reviewed. Details can be found in the legal remedies information at the end of your notice. We recommend that you first speak to the responsible authority before taking legal action against the decision.

Kurztext

- To work as a midwife in Germany you need a government permit.
- With the permission you can officially call yourself a "midwife" and work in the profession.
- Under certain conditions, a foreign professional qualification can be automatically recognized. This generally applies to professional qualifications from the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.

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Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	Authority for Health and Consumer Protection
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link is only available in german)