

# Apply for recognition as a lawyer with a foreign professional qualification

You have completed your training as a lawyer or lawyer abroad and would now like to work in Germany? Find out about the requirements here.

## Competent Department

- [Gemeinsames Juristisches Prüfungsamt](#)

## Basic information

If you have completed an education abroad that allows you to work as a lawyer, you can have this degree recognized. With this recognition, you may work as a lawyer in Germany.

If your education differs significantly from the requirements, you must first pass an aptitude test.

## Requirements

You have a completed education that entitles you to direct access to the profession of a European lawyer

## What documents do I need?

- Request

## Procedure

- Submit an application to the Judicial Examination Office
- The Judicial Examination Office checks whether you have acquired all the knowledge and skills required to work as a lawyer in Germany during your training.
- In this case your degree will be recognized
- If there are differences, you will have to take an aptitude test.
- The aptitude test consists of a written and an oral part.
- The written part of the examination consists of 2 supervisory papers.
- The oral examination consists of a short presentation and a discussion.
- The examination office will issue a confirmation of successful completion of the qualifying examination. A failed aptitude test may be repeated 2 times.

## **More information**

### Competent body

Bremen does not have its own competent body. There is a joint agreement between the states of Berlin, Brandenburg, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Schleswig-Holstein.

The Berlin Judicial Examination Office is the joint examination office in the area of the contracting states. It conducts the qualifying examination for admission to the bar.

### Deadlines

The deadlines vary in the Joint Judicial Examination Offices.

For the states

- Free Hanseatic City of Bremen
- Berlin
- Brandenburg
- Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
- Lower Saxony
- Saxony-Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holstein

the following applies:

The aptitude test takes place in December. You must submit the application by July 31.

## **What are the costs?**

The fees depend on your personal case.