

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.