

# Apply for recognition as a curative education nurse with professional qualification from abroad

You have acquired a professional qualification as a curative education nurse abroad? Then you can apply for recognition of this qualification in Germany under certain conditions.

## Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Referat 31 - Qualifizierung, Gewinnung und Sicherung sozialpädagogischer Fachkräfte](#)

## Basic information

The profession of curative education nurse is regulated in Germany. This means that you have to prove that you have a certain qualification in order to be allowed to work in the profession. If you have a foreign certificate of training as a curative education nurse, you can work in this profession in the chosen federal state under certain conditions.

To do this, you must submit an application with all the necessary documents to the relevant state authority. In the recognition procedure, the competent state authority compares your professional qualification from abroad with the professional qualification in the chosen state. The procedure is called: equivalence determination.

After your application has been reviewed, you will receive feedback. If you lack professional qualifications for recognition, the notice will state the main differences. You can then take a compensatory measure.

## Requirements

- Equivalence of your professional qualification
- You must be authorized to practice the profession in the country of training.

## What documents do I need?

- Request
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form
- Proof of identity (identity card/passport)

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- Foreign education certificates

- Evidence of professional experience as a curative education nurse.
- Evidence of other qualifications
- Certificate that the profession may be practiced in the country of training
- Information on applications for recognition already submitted

Indicate the office to which you submitted the application.

- Notes on the documents

If your documents are not in German, you must submit German translations of your documents. The translations must be made by translators who are publicly appointed or authorized.

You can submit the documents in written form (mail or e-mail) or in person.

We advise against sending original documents by mail.

## Procedure

You can submit the application for the determination of the equivalence of your training as a curative education nurse to the competent state authority. You must submit all the necessary documents in the form of copies to the competent authority. You must submit certified copies of some documents. The competent authority will inform you.

The competent body will then check: Is your professional qualification equivalent to the professional qualification in your federal state? For the comparison, for example, the content of the training and duration of the training are important. The competent body also takes into account your professional experience, other certificates of competence and qualifications.

The competent body may then check other requirements. If your professional qualification is equivalent and you meet all other requirements, your professional qualification will be recognized. You will then be allowed to work as a curative education nurse in the federal state.

Should the competent authority not be able to establish equivalence between your training and the German training, you will receive a notice with an explanation of the essential differences. In order to compensate for substantial differences, you can take a compensatory measure. The responsible office will inform you which compensatory measure you can take.

If you successfully complete the compensatory measure, you will receive the recognition.

You can take legal action (for example, file a lawsuit) against the decision of the competent body within a certain period of time. The decision will then be reviewed. Details on this can be found in the appeal instructions at the end of your decision. We recommend that you first talk to the responsible office before taking legal action against the decision.

## Legal bases

- [Verordnung über die Fachschule für Heilerziehungspflege](#)
- [Bremisches Berufsqualifikationsfeststellungsgesetz \(BremBQFG\)](#)
- [Bremische Verordnung zur staatlichen Anerkennung von Heilerziehungspflegerinnen und Heilerziehungspflegern \(Bremische Heilerziehungspflegeanerkennungsverordnung\)](#)

## More information

### Other consulting services

There are many other consulting services available. You can find them on the portal Recognition in Germany.

Let an IQ counseling center advise you personally about this procedure and your qualification. The counselors will also help you with your documents before you apply. The consultation is free of charge.

You can also call the hotline from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. The hotline will answer your questions about working and living in Germany.

Phone number: +49 30 1815-1111 Office hours: Monday to Friday 08:00 - 18:00 (CET).

If you are abroad: You can also reach the Central Service Point for Professional Recognition (ZSBA) via the hotline. This offers you in-depth advice and support in the recognition process and provides location advice.

You will find the links under "Further information".

## How long does it take to process

Increased workload or complexity in the review may cause variations in processing time.