

Apply for admission to the legal preparatory service for persons from the EU

You would like to apply for the legal preparatory service and have completed your degree in a country of the EU, EEA or Switzerland? You can find out more here.

Competent Department

- [Justizprüfungsamt](#)

Basic information

The successful equivalency examination establishes the equivalence of your university degree with the compulsory state examination for the first law degree. This enables your admission to the legal preparatory service.

Requirements

You must have a law degree from a member state of the European Union.

What documents do I need?

- Certificate / Diplomas
- Examination certificates
- Studies
- Other qualifications
- Evidence of relevant professional experience
- You must submit the original or a certified copy of the following documents

Procedure

- You must apply for the equivalency examination in writing to a judicial examination office.
- You can submit the application in writing without any formalities. Application forms are not available.
- Please enclose a certified copy or the original of your degree certificate and other certificates of achievement with your application.
- After receipt of the application, the equivalence assessment will take place.
- If your degree is found to be fully equivalent, you will be notified accordingly.
- With this decision, you can apply for employment in the legal preparatory service.
- The application procedure then follows the application procedure for applicants who have obtained their university degree in Germany.

- If equivalence is not determined or is only partially determined, you will also receive a notification. In order to be admitted to the legal preparatory service in this case, you must take an aptitude test. You must apply for the aptitude test in writing.
- After passing the aptitude test, you can apply for admission to the legal preparatory service. The application procedure then follows the application procedure for applicants who have obtained their university degree in Germany.
- The aptitude test basically consists of 6 supervisory papers (although these may be partially waived due to a determined partial equivalence). The qualifying examination is passed if at least 3 supervisory papers, of which at least one is from civil law, are passed.

Legal bases

- [§ 112a Abs. 1 Deutsches Richtergesetz](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

The suitability test procedure takes approximately 6 months from the date of application.

What are the costs?

None