

State-recognized social worker or social education worker

Would you like to obtain state recognition as a social pedagogue or social worker? Then you need to contact the Senatorial Authority for Children and Education Department 31 in Bremen.

Competent Department

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

Basic information

The profession of social pedagogue or social worker is regulated in Germany. This means that you need state recognition in order to work in all fields of social work.

In Bremen, state recognition is granted by the Senatorial Authority for Children and Education - Department 31 - if you are a graduate of the Social Work course at Bremen University of Applied Sciences or Bremerhaven University of Applied Sciences or APOLLON Hochschule für Gesundheitswirtschaft GmbH and you have proven your professional aptitude in a one-year internship or have provided proof of practical work experience.

State recognition is granted after passing a colloquium. Admission to the colloquium is granted on application once all the necessary evidence has been provided.

Requirements

You are a graduate of the Social Work degree program at Bremen University of Applied Sciences or Bremerhaven University of Applied Sciences or APOLLON Hochschule für Gesundheitswirtschaft GmbH and you have successfully completed the one-year internship or have provided proof of one year of practical work experience in accordance with the examination.

Personal suitability: You are reliable for work as a social pedagogue or social worker and have no criminal record.

What documents do I need?

- Bachelor certificate
- Curriculum vitae
- Practice location notification

2 months before the start of the internship

- Positive interim and final assessment of the practice facility
- Alternatively: Application for professional activities to be credited towards the internship

Employment contract and reference letter must be enclosed.

- Application for admission to the colloquium
- Extended police clearance certificate

As proof of your personal suitability.

- Colloquium report

Procedure

If you are completing the regular internship, send your internship registration to the Senatorial Authority for Children and Education - Department 31 - two months before you start. You will then be informed about the obligatory events accompanying the internship.

If you wish to have professional activities credited to the internship, you can submit the application for crediting to Department 31 following the activity.

You will receive an application for admission to the colloquium from Unit 31 in good time, which you then submit with the colloquium report. Once you have successfully passed the colloquium, you will be awarded state recognition.

Legal bases

- [Ordnung zur staatlichen Anerkennung der Sozialpädagoginnen/Sozialarbeiterinnen und Sozialpädagogen/Sozialarbeiter im Lande Bremen \(Anerkennungsordnung\) in der jeweils geltenden Fassung](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

After completing your studies, you have 5 years to obtain state recognition.

How long does it take to process

3 months From receipt of all necessary documents. In certain cases, the competent authority may extend the procedure.

What are the costs?

Not specified