

M 1.3 General information about recognition of foreign qualifications

There is no overall recognition of foreign university degrees and certificates of vocational training. For certain professions, there is an equivalency evaluation of foreign qualifications in comparison to German qualifications. For you it is important **to exactly define the profession you would like to work in.**

In Germany we differ between **regulated professions** and **non-regulated professions**.

1. **Regulated professions:** They have particular occupational laws. A professional accreditation is required. Occupational laws exactly define qualifications that are necessary to get a professional accreditation. Regulated professions are e.g.: physician/doctor, nurse, teacher at public schools, attorney/ lawyer ...
2. **Non-regulated professions:** They have no particular occupational laws. You don't need to have a professional accreditation. You can apply freely. The employer decides on his own whether your qualification matches the job or not. The employer also decides if your German language skills are adequate.

These are examples for non-regulated professions:

- in academic sector (post-graduate) e.g.: economist, mathematician, chemist, sociologist, professional activity as an engineer ...
- in sector of vocational training e.g.: electrician, baker, hairdresser ...

Non-regulated academic professions:

An advantage for your application may be a 'Zeugnisbewertung' at the Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB). The academic level of your university degree is evaluated in comparison to German academic degrees. The charge is € 200. For further information please check our information sheet "M2.21b_ZAB_Englisch". We would be pleased to send you detailed information.

Non-regulated vocational trainings ('dual system' in Germany):

An advantage for your application may be an investigation of the equivalence of your vocational training. The responsible authority compares your foreign vocational training with the German one. Therefore your work experience is important.

Responsible authorities are e.g.

- the local Chamber of Crafts ('Handwerkskammer' in Germany)
- Chamber of Commerce in Nürnberg ('IHK FOSA' in Germany).

The charge of this assessment is about € 550.

Language: For working in Germany, it is important to have good **German language skills**. We recommend level B2.

Your professional goal decides whether you need a recognition of your foreign qualification from German authorities or not.

Information about your individual options


The IBAS is glad to give you information about your individual situation.

To guarantee an individual consulting, we need some information from you.

Please send us the following information by email or bring it to a personal appointment:

- Please fill in our **‘IBAS-Check’**.
Most important is your **professional goal** (see ‘purpose of recognition’ in this form).
- Also important is your **CV**.
- Your **certificates** are necessary, too.

Please always make an appointment **before** you come!

		
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