

Foreign academic qualifications



If you have a foreign academic qualification and want to work in a regulated profession (e.g. doctor or lawyer) in Germany, you need recognition of your foreign academic qualification. In our sections "**Who needs recognition**" and "**Recognition procedure**" you will find detailed information regarding this.

You do not need recognition if you want to work in an academic, non-regulated profession, such as computer scientist, mathematician or economist. If you want to immigrate to Germany from a non-EU country to work and need a visa for Germany, such as the Blue Card, you must prove that your foreign academic qualification is comparable to a German university degree. To provide such proof, you can choose from the following options:

Positive results in the database anabin

The Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) operates the anabin database, which provides information on the evaluation of foreign educational qualifications and universities. The database is currently available in German. These [instructions](#) explain step by step how to work with the anabin database.

Statement of Comparability

The Statement of Comparability is an official document which describes your foreign academic qualifications and indicates the level of German academic qualifications to which your foreign qualification is comparable. The individual statement can be requested from the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) in Bonn. You must request an individual Statement of Comparability if your university is listed in the anabin database as "H + ", but your degree in particular is not listed.

An individual Statement of Comparability can be helpful. It is advantageous when applying for a job, changing jobs, or negotiating salary. With a statement in the German language, employers can better classify the foreign university degree. The Statement of Comparability can also be used when applying for a visa.

Information concerning the evaluation procedure, including a list of required documents and costs, can be found [here](#). For further questions concerning the evaluation please contact the Central Office of Foreign Education (ZAB) (Email: [zabservice\(at\)kmk\(dot\)org](mailto:zabservice(at)kmk(dot)org)).

Info box:

*Please note that the processing time can be up to three months, if you have provided all the necessary documents. If you apply for an evaluation in order to receive an **EU Blue Card**, the processing time will take two weeks. Please attach a copy of your work contract in this case.*

Information on the web

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

Hotline on "Recognition of foreign professional qualifications"

Recognition of qualifications in Germany

How to have your professional qualifications recognised and where to find your local contact centre

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European Commission

Search for regulated professions in Germany

IHK FOSA (Foreign Skills Approval)

National Centre of Excellence for the recognition and assessment of foreign vocational qualifications

BQ Portal

Information on foreign professional qualifications and on foreign basic and advanced vocational training courses

IQ Network

Find an advice centre near you to have your international professional qualification recognized

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/jobs/recognition/academic-qualifications>

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