

Find your qualification recognition route

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Choose the route before ordering translations

Start with your intended occupation and German work location. The Recognition Finder identifies the reference occupation, whether it is regulated and the responsible authority. If several occupations seem plausible, seek counselling first.

Regulated profession: follow the professional recognition and authorisation route. Non-regulated occupation: check employer needs and immigration evidence. University degree: establish whether a ZAB Statement of Comparability is needed.

A ZAB statement explains the level of a foreign university qualification; it does not authorise regulated professional practice. Neither recognition nor a degree statement is itself a visa or residence title.

Original qualification / country / duration / practical training

Intended German role / main duties / city or federal state

Regulated status / confirmed route / authority or adviser

Make the first enquiry specific

I qualified as [original title] in [country] and want to work as [role] in [location]. Are you the competent authority? Please confirm the route, required evidence, accepted translations and certifications, fees, funding options and when processing begins.

Find the official recognition route

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Build the file from the confirmed checklist

Use a status beside each item: ready, requested, translation to confirm, or not applicable. Missing documents should prompt a question to the authority; some professions have alternative ways of assessing skills.

Identity and qualification evidence / status / next action

Training, work experience and extra evidence / status

Translations and certified copies / accepted format / status

Ask about funding before applying or ordering services. The ZAB Statement of Comparability fee is EUR 208 as checked on 7 September 2026. Professional recognition fees are separate and depend on the procedure.

Budget / funding decision / submission date / reference number

What happens after submission?

Keep payment and submission receipts. Record the authority's follow-up date. When the notice arrives, identify what it grants, any remaining requirements and deadlines. Ask counselling to explain an unclear notice before booking further training.

Next action / owner / due date

Read the complete recognition guide

Official sources / checked 7 September 2026

Recognition Finder and procedure (www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de)

Application documents (www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de)

ZAB fees (zab.kmk.org)