

# Applying for recognition of a foreign professional qualification in the field of home economics and family care

You have acquired a professional qualification in home economics and family care abroad. Would you like to work permanently in this profession in Germany? Then you can have your foreign professional qualification officially recognized.

## Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Referat 22 - Ministerielle und schulbetriebliche Aufgaben, Berufsbildende Schulen](#)

## Basic information

You can have a qualification in home economics and family care from abroad officially recognized in Germany. The procedure for recognition is called: equivalence assessment.

Please note: Your qualification must be recognized by the state in the country where you trained. Informal or non-formal qualifications cannot be officially recognized in Germany.

You apply for recognition at the competent authority in the federal state in which you wish to work. To do this, you must submit an application with all the necessary documents to the relevant state authority.

When determining equivalence, the competent authority compares your professional qualification from abroad with the professional qualification in the selected federal state. Important criteria for the comparison are the content and duration of the training. You will receive a decision on the outcome of the procedure. The decision will list any existing and any missing professional qualifications.

You can also apply for equivalence assessment from abroad.

## Requirements

- You have a state-recognized professional qualification from abroad.
- Your professional qualification is equivalent.
- You want to work in the federal state.

## What documents do I need?

- Fully completed application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of identity (identity card or passport)
- Proof of your professional qualification

For example, certificates, professional certificate.

- Proof of professional experience in housekeeping and family care
- Proof of other relevant knowledge
- Information on previous applications

Have you ever applied for an equivalence assessment? If so, please state the body to which you submitted the application.

- Maybe: Proof of employment

You do not yet live or work in the EU, the EEA or Switzerland? Then you must provide proof: You want to work in the profession in Germany. Proof can be, for example, applications for a job, invitations to job interviews or a location note from the Central Service Center for Professional Recognition (ZSBA).

- German translations

If your documents are not in German, you must submit German translations of your documents. The translations must be made by translators who are publicly appointed or authorized.

## Procedure

You submit an application for equivalence assessment to the competent body. You must submit all the necessary documents in the form of copies to the competent body.

The competent body will then check: Is your foreign professional qualification equivalent to the professional qualification in the federal state? The competent body compares the qualifications using certain criteria. Important criteria are the content and duration of the training. The competent body also takes into account your professional experience, your other certificates of competence and qualifications when carrying out the equivalence check.

You will receive a notification with the result of the procedure. You will receive recognition if your professional qualification and the professional qualification in the federal state are equivalent.

Sometimes there are significant differences between the professional qualifications. The differences are listed in your notification. You can use this notification to obtain further qualifications and then submit a new application for equivalence assessment at a later date.

If your professional qualification is not equivalent at all, you will not receive recognition.

## **Legal bases**

- [Bremisches Berufsqualifikationsfeststellungsgesetz \(BremBQFG\)](#)
- [Verordnung über die Berufsfachschule für Hauswirtschaft und Familienpflege](#)

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

Increased workload or complexity during the review can lead to fluctuations in the processing time.

## **How long does it take to process**

4 months Increased workload or complexity during the review can lead to fluctuations in the processing time.

## **What are the costs?**

Not specified