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Admission to the Bar - Permission to use the title of specialist lawyer

In order to obtain a specialist lawyer title, an application must be submitted to the competent bar association.

Prerequisites

- **Acquisition of special knowledge and experience in a field of law**
The prerequisite for the award of the specialist lawyer title is the acquisition of special knowledge and experience in the field of law for which the specialist lawyer title is applied for.
- **Requirements for the legal profession**
The requirement for the award of a specialist lawyer title is three years of admission and practice within the last six years prior to the submission of the application in accordance with the Specialist Lawyers' Act.

Documents required

- **Application**
(under "Forms")
A written application for the granting of a specialist lawyer's licence must be submitted.
- **Proof of special theoretical knowledge**
As a rule, the special theoretical knowledge within the meaning of § 43 c BRAO is acquired pursuant to § 4 (1) FAO by attending a specialised course. Successful attendance of the course shall be evidenced by the documents referred to therein pursuant to § 6 FAO.
- **Proof of the special practical experience**
The requirements for proof of special practical experience result from section 5 t) in conjunction with section 14 m FAO. Proof should be provided in the form of a case list pursuant to § 6 (3) FAO, which contains internal or court file numbers
- **Proof of payment of fees**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/rak_berlin_pdfs/GebOrdnung_RAK.pdf?m=1595924299&)
Proof of fee payment must be submitted.

Forms

- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for agricultural law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_Agrar.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for labour law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_ArbR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for banking and capital market law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_BankR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for building and architects' law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_BauR.pdf)

- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for inheritance law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_ErbR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for family law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_FamR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for industrial property rights**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_gewerbRS.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for commercial and corporate law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_HandelsR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for information technology law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_InforR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for insolvency law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_InsoR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for international business law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_Inter_WirtschaftsR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for medical law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_MedizinR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for migration law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_MigraR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for tenancy and residential property law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_MietR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for social law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_SozialR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for sports law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_SportR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for tax law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_SteuerR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for criminal law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_StrafR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for transport and forwarding law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_TransportR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for copyright and media law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_UrhR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for public procurement law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_VergabeR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for traffic law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_VerkR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist solicitor for insurance law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_VersR.pdf)
- **Application to become a specialist lawyer for administrative law**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/FAO_VerwR.pdf)

Fees

480,00 Euro

Legal basis

- **Federal Lawyers' Act (BRAO)**
(<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/brao/BJNR005650959.html>)
- **Specialist Lawyers' Act (FAO)**
(https://www.brak.de/w/files/02_fuer_anwaelte/FAO_1.1.08_090615.pdf)
- **Fee Schedule for Specialist Lawyer Cases of the Berlin Bar Association**
(https://www.rak-berlin.de/download/mitglieder-pdfs_fao/GO_FA_Antrag_Stand.pdf)

Average time to process request

approx.3 weeks

Notes on responsibility

The Berlin Bar Association is responsible for the application for the granting of a specialist lawyer's licence.