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Apply for recognition of foreign professional qualifications (third country/ Non-EU Country) as a dental specialist

The profession of specialist dentist is regulated in Germany. This means: You need a permit if you want to use the designation "Fachzahnärztin" or "Fachzahnarzt" for your specialization in the federal state you have chosen.

With the training as a specialist dentist, you have acquired a medical specialization for your qualification as a dentist abroad. To work as a dentist in Germany, you first need a license to practice medicine or a professional license. In order to be able to work as a specialist dentist in Germany, you must also apply for recognition of your further training as a specialist dentist. This allows you to use the designation "Fachzahnärztin" or "Fachzahnarzt" in your respective specialization.

Note: You may only use the designation for your specialization if there is a corresponding further training designation in Germany.

Procedure:

1. You submit your application and the required documents to the Berlin Dental Association (Zahnärztekammer Berlin). You may be asked to submit missing documents.

2. The competent authority checks whether your professional qualification is equivalent. The professional qualification is equivalent if there are no significant differences between your foreign professional qualification and the German professional qualification.

3.1. If your qualification is recognised, you can work in the profession in Germany. You will receive a notification.

3.2. If deficits in the knowledge and the special areas of law for dentists are determined, the equivalence of your qualifications will not be certified. You will receive notification of the differences in your professional qualifications.

You can then take a knowledge test to determine equivalence. **If you successfully complete the exam, you will be granted permission to use the specialist designation "Fachzahnärztin" or "Fachzahnarzt" for your specialization.**

4. You can take legal action against the decision of the competent authority within one month (e.g. file an objection). We recommend that you first speak to the competent authority before taking legal action against the decision.

Prerequisites

- **License to practice medicine/ approbation**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/325427/>)

You must already have a state professional license (approbation) valid in Germany as a dentist or a professional permit.

- **Equivalence of your professional qualification**

(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/325443/en/>)

If your degree is not automatically recognised, you must provide evidence of the equivalence of your professional qualification as a medical specialist.

Documents required

- **Application for recognition**

You can submit an application online or informally in writing by post.

- **Curriculum vitae**

Curriculum vitae in tabular form with details of further education and professional experience completed

- **Proof of identity**

Identity card or passport

- **License to practice medicine or professional permit**

Proof of German licence to practise medicine or professional permit and proof of equivalent level of training

- **Proof of qualifications**

Continuing education certificates and certificates of professional practice

- **If necessary, further documents and additional evidence for the assessment of equivalence**

You only need to hand in the following documents if the competent authority asks you to do so:

- *Certificate of Conformity

or

- **Evidence that you have actually and lawfully practiced the profession for at least 3 consecutive years during the last 5 years before the certificate was issued**

- **Declaration on previous professional recognition procedures**

Declaration as to whether you have already submitted an application for recognition to another dental association

- **German translation**

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

Fees

EUR 100,00 to EUR 640,00 Euro, per effort

Legal basis

- **Further training regulations of the Berlin Dental Association § 7**

(https://www.zaek-berlin.de/dateien/Content/Dokumente/Zahn%C3%A4rzte/Zahn%C3%A4rzte_Download/Berufsrecht_Gesetze_und_Rechtliches/WBO_2021.pdf)

- **Berlin Health Professions Chamber Act (Bln HKG) § 37**

(<https://gesetze.berlin.de/bsbe/document/jlr-HeilBKGBEV6P37>)

- **Schedule of Fees of the Berlin Dental Association**

(https://www.zaek-berlin.de/fileadmin/dokumente/Allgemeiner_Ordner/Geb%C3%BChrenordnung_der_Zahn%C3%A4rztekammer_Berlin.pdf)

Average time to process request

Usually within 4 months after receipt of complete documentation.

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<https://www.ea.berlin.de/intelliform/forms/eu-dlr-ng/Berlin/Berufsanerkennung/index?AnliegenID=331362>

Notes on responsibility

The application for recognition of a foreign professional qualification as a specialist dentist must be submitted to the Berlin Chamber of Dentists.