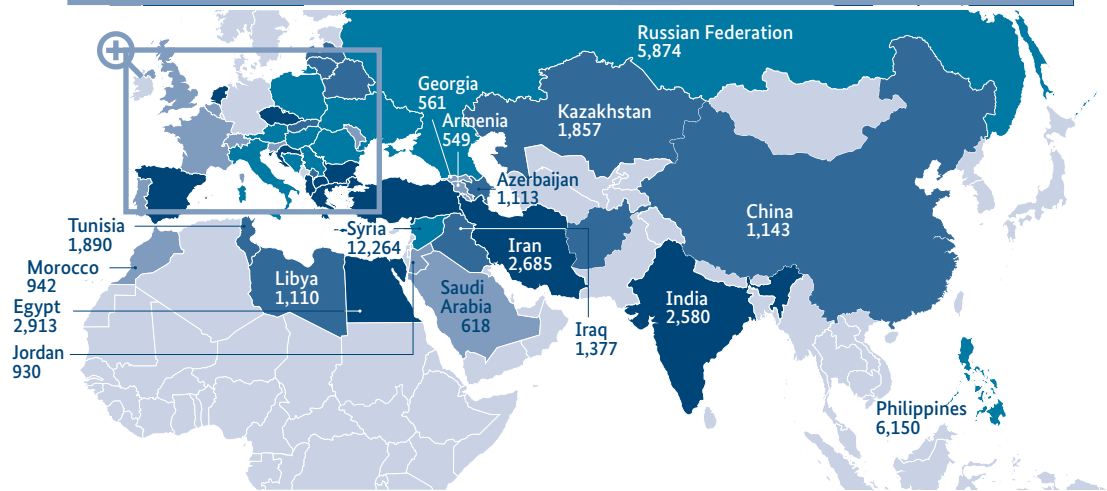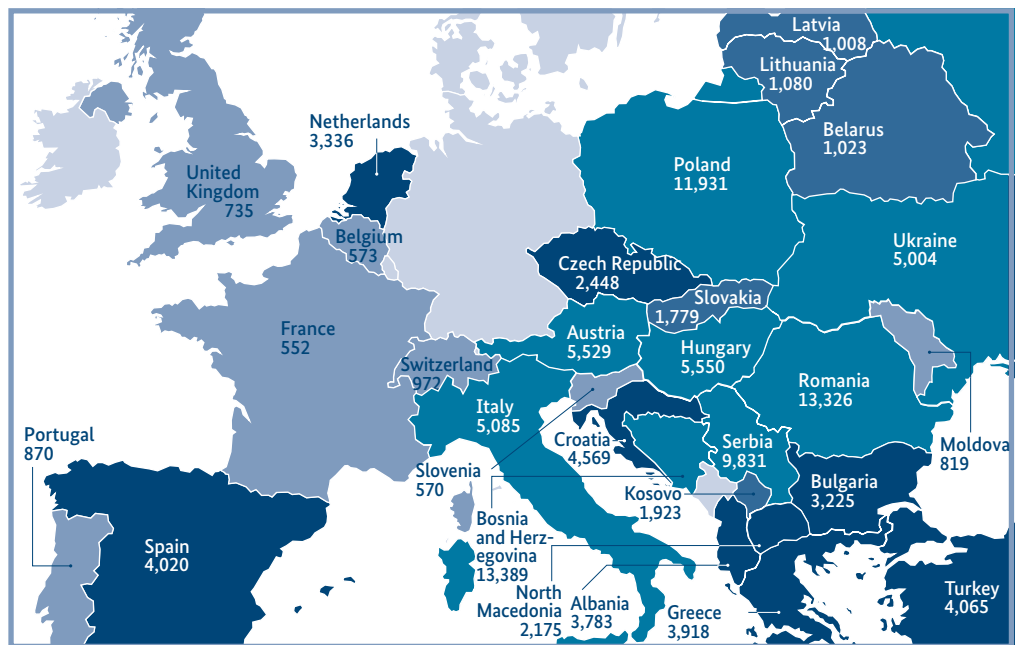# Recognition of foreign professional qualifications*

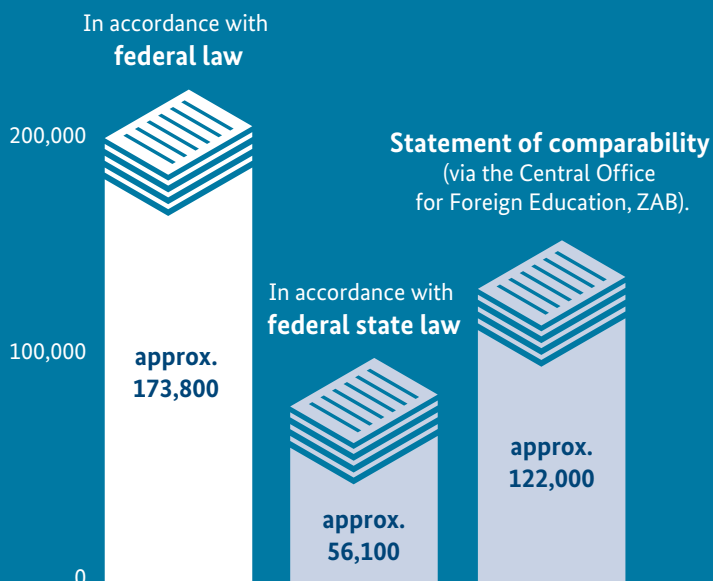(Results of the BIBB Recognition Monitoring Project)

Applications by countries of training 2012 bis 2019

- 0 – 500 applications
- 501 – 1,000 applications
- 1,001 – 2,000 applications
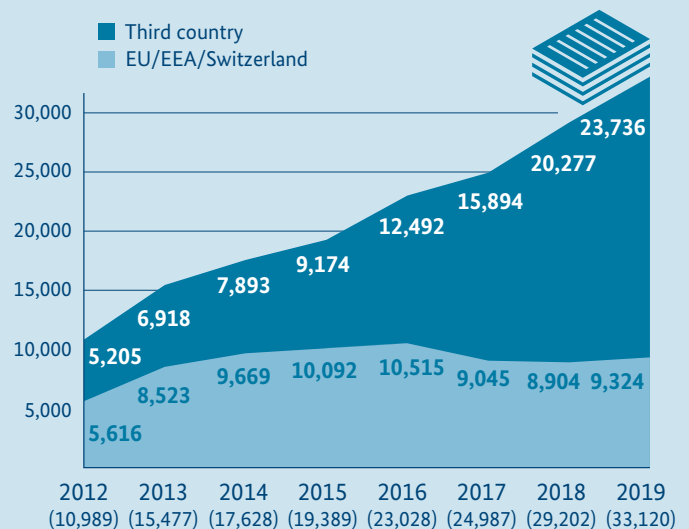- 2,001 – 5,000 applications
- über 5,000 applications

Netherlands 3,336
United Kingdom 735
Belgium 573
Poland 11,931
Latvia 1,008
Lithuania 1,080
Belarus 1,023
Ukraine 5,004
Czech Republic 2,448
Slovakia 1,779
France 552
Austria 5,529
Hungary 5,550
Romania 13,326
Switzerland 972
Moldova 819
Italy 5,085
Croatia 4,569
Serbia 9,831
Slovenia 570
Kosovo 1,923
Bulgaria 3,225
Portugal 870
Bosnia and Herzegovina 13,389
Spain 4,020
North Macedonia 2,175
Albania 3,783
Greece 3,918
Turkey 4,065

Russian Federation 5,874
Georgia 561
Armenia 549
Kazakhstan 1,857
Azerbaijan 1,113
China 1,143
Tunisia 1,890
Syria 12,264
Iran 2,685
Morocco 942
Libya 1,110
India 2,580
Egypt 2,913
Saudi Arabia 618
Jordan 930
Iraq 1,377
Mexico 747
Philippines 6,150
Columbia 660
Brazil 1,092

Recognition in accordance with federal law/federal state law and statement of comparability

Around 351,900 applications 2012–2019

In accordance with **federal law**

200,000

100,000

0

approx. 173,800

In accordance with **federal state law**

approx. 56,100

Statement of comparability (via the Central Office for Foreign Education, ZAB).

approx. 122,000

A recognition procedure is conducted in accordance with federal or federal state law depending on the profession.
A ZAB statement of comparability may also be carried out for non-regulated higher education qualifications.

Rising numbers of applications—especially regarding qualifications from third countries

- Third country
- EU/EEA/Switzerland

Difference to overall total: no information on country of training.

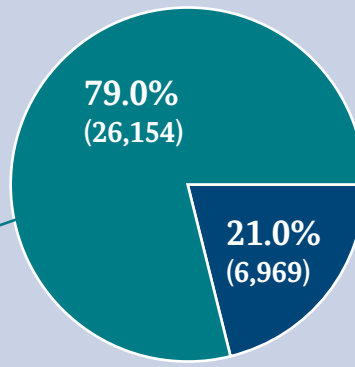| Year	Third country	EU/EEA/Switzerland
2012 (10,989)	5,205	5,616
2013 (15,477)	6,918	8,523
2014 (17,628)	7,893	9,669
2015 (19,389)	9,174	10,092
2016 (23,028)	12,492	10,515
2017 (24,987)	15,894	9,045
2018 (29,202)	20,277	8,904
2019 (33,120)	23,736	9,324

Around **100,000** fully recognised qualifications 2012 to 2019

No equivalence in only just under **4,700** cases

33,120 applications in 2019, of which …
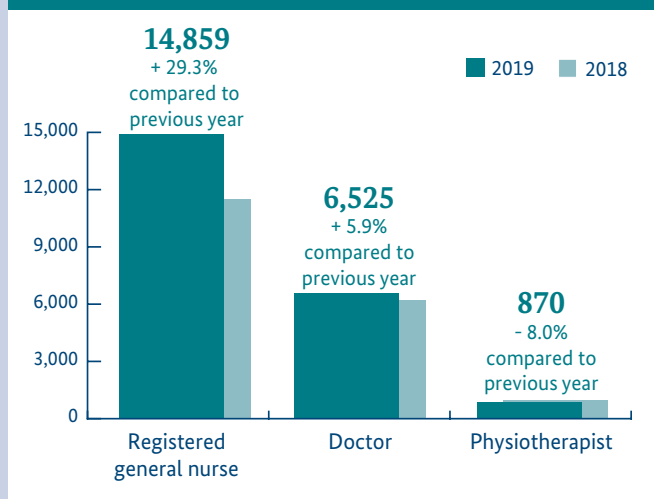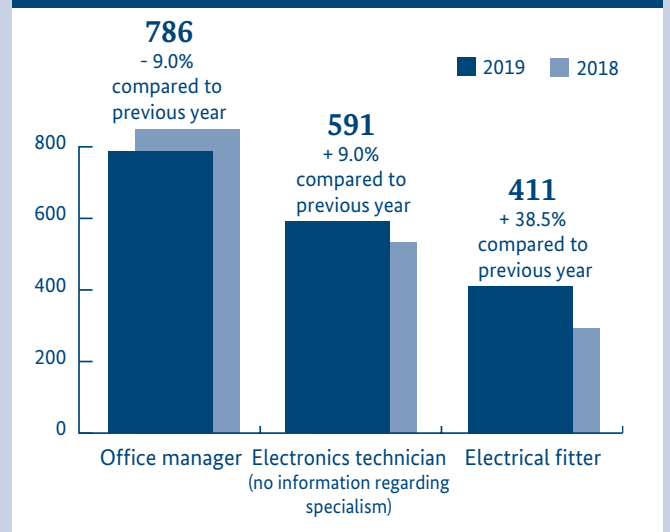
79.0% (26,154) — **Regulated professions**

21.0% (6,969) — **Non-regulated professions**

Professions with most applications – regulated

■ 2019   ■ 2018

14,859
+ 29.3% compared to previous year

6,525
+ 5.9% compared to previous year

870
− 8.0% compared to previous year

15,000
12,000
9,000
6,000
3,000
0

Registered general nurse   Doctor   Physiotherapist

Professions with most applications – non-regulated

■ 2019   ■ 2018

786
− 9.0% compared to previous year

591
+ 9.0% compared to previous year

411
+ 38.5% compared to previous year

800
600
400
200
0

Office manager   Electronics technician (no information regarding specialism)   Electrical fitter

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Almost **80 percent** of all applications made in 2019 were in a medical healthcare profession.

Almost **30 percent** of all applications made in 2019 were submitted from abroad.

**Women submitted more applications for recognition in 2019 than men.**

60
50
40
30
20
10
0

42.2% — of applications from men
57.8% — of applications from women
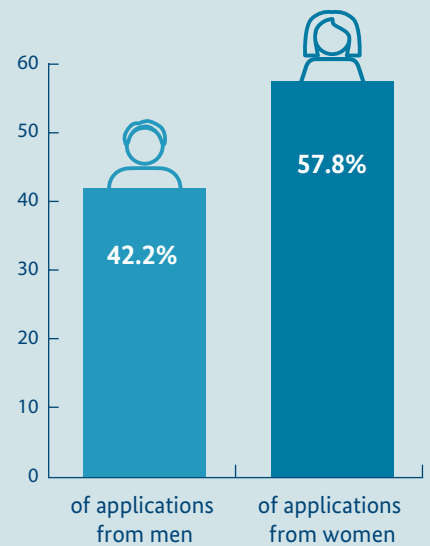
34,695 recognition procedures in 2019 in which a decision was reached

27,819 notices regarding **regulated professions**

- 50.4% full equivalence
- 46.9% resulted in a notice "imposing" a compensation measure
- 2.6% negative

6,876 notices regarding **non-regulated professions**
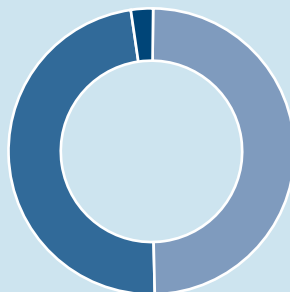
- 49.3% full equivalence
- 48.0% partial equivalence
- 2.7% negative

Further information available at:
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bibb.de/anerkennungsmonitoring

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