

Your recognition procedure as General nurse (m/f) (German: Pflegefachfrau/-mann) in Pitschen-Pickel, Brandenburg

What I know already

- The profession of General nurse (m/f) (German: Pflegefachfrau/-mann) is **regulated** in Germany.
- Recognition is necessary in order to be able to work in the profession in Germany.
- Until 31 Dec 2019 the German title has been "Gesundheits- und Krankenpfleger/in".

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Quick-Info

Name of the procedure

This procedure is called: **Issuing of authorisation to use the professional title** (in German: **Erteilung der Erlaubnis zum Führen der Berufsbezeichnung**).

Requirements for recognition

- Equivalence of your professional qualification
- Personal aptitude
- Medical fitness
- Knowledge of German

Knowledge of German

- You require knowledge of German at **level B2** of the Common European Reference Framework for languages.
- You are not required to provide a language certificate when applying. You can provide evidence of knowledge of German at a later point in time.

Duration

- **One month** at the latest following receipt of your application by the competent authority: The competent authority will notify you of receipt of the documents. They will inform you if documents are missing. The procedure begins when the documents are complete.
- After **4 months** at the latest you will receive notice containing the result. In specific cases the competent authority may extend the procedure.

Costs

The competent authority

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Dienstag 09:00 - 12:00 Uhr

- You are required to pay for the procedure. The competent authority will inform you of the exact costs.
 - **Information about financial support**
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Documents for my application

Overview

- Application form from the competent authority
- If there is no application form, then apply without a standard application form
- Proof of identity (e.g. passport or personal identification)
- Marriage certificate (if your name has changed through marriage)
- Curriculum vitae
- Evidence of your professional qualification (e.g. certificates, certificate of entitlement)
- Evidence of the content and duration of your training (e.g. diploma supplement, transcript of records)
- Evidence of your professional experience in this profession (e.g. employment references)
- Information about an application for recognition already submitted. In this case state to which authority you applied.
- Are you coming from a third state **and** are you not yet living or working in the EU, the EEA or in Switzerland? In this case, you must provide evidence that you would like to work in your profession in Germany. Evidence may include:
 - Job applications and invitations to interviews
 - Evidence of your application for a work visa
 - Personal declaration of your intentions

In most cases these documents are submitted later. The competent authority will inform you as to when you should submit the documents.

- Evidence of your personal aptitude: Certificate of good conduct from Germany **and** your country of origin (e.g. criminal record extract, certificate of good standing). The documents must be no more than three months old when the application is submitted.
- Evidence of your medical fitness: doctor's certificate from Germany **and** from your country of origin. The documents must be no more than three months old when the application is submitted.

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- **Application form - in German (27.04.2022)**
- **Template doctor's certificate - in German (27.04.2022)**
- **Template declaration of aptitude - in German (27.04.2022)**

Translations and certifications

The competent authority will inform you as to which documents you must produce as originals or submit as copies. Some copies must be officially certified. We recommend that you do not send originals by post.

You must submit your documents **in German**. Sworn or authorised translators must prepare the translations.

My steps to recognition

I apply to the competent authority. How does this work?

You may also apply if you are not yet living in Germany.

- You can send the application **by post** to the competent authority. **Do not send originals.**
- You may be able to send the application **via email**. Ask your competent authority before you do. Later on in the recognition procedure, you may be required to submit original copies or certified copies of the documents.
- You are sometimes able to apply **online**. Later on in the recognition procedure, you may be required to submit original copies or certified copies of the documents. Use the federal state internet portal for the online application. You will then leave our information page: **To the internet portal of Brandenburg.**

The competent authority is processing my application. What does that mean?

The competent authority receives the application. After one month at the latest, it will confirm that the application has arrived. Once the competent authority has received all the documents from you, it processes your application.

The competent authority carries out an equivalence assessment: It compares your professional qualification with the German professional qualification. As part of this, the competent authority takes into account your professional experience, other certificates and other qualifications.

The competent authority then checks other requirements for use of the professional title. This includes, e.g. your personal aptitude, your medical fitness and your knowledge of German.

The procedure takes a maximum of **4 months**. In specific cases the competent authority may extend the procedure. At the end, the competent authority sends you a notice containing the result.

The competent authority informs me of the result in a notice. What are the possible outcomes?

Outcome: Recognition

Your professional qualification and the German professional qualification are equivalent. You receive authorisation to use the professional title. You receive a certificate for this. You also meet all further requirements. Your professional qualification is recognised. Professionally you have the **same rights** as a person with the German professional qualification.

Outcome: No recognition because the professional qualification is not equivalent.

There are substantial differences between your professional qualification and the German professional qualification. You are not able to compensate for these differences with your professional experience and other knowledge of the profession. Your professional qualification is therefore not equivalent to the German professional qualification. Your professional qualification is not recognised.

In most cases you are able to complete a compensation measure. This allows you to compensate for the substantial differences.

Outcome: No recognition because you do not meet all the requirements.

Your professional qualification is equivalent. However, you do not meet all other requirements to use the professional title. You may still need to provide evidence that you e.g. are personally apt or have knowledge of German. The competent authority will inform you of which evidence is missing.

You are able to take legal action against the decision of the competent authority. Details on this procedure can be found in the **legal redress advice** (German: "Rechtsbehelfsbelehrung") at the end of your notice. We recommend that you speak to a counselling centre first before challenging the decision or taking legal action.

I receive no recognition. What can I do?

Compensation measures

If your professional qualification is not equivalent you can complete a compensation measure. A compensation measure allows you to compensate for substantial differences. Substantial differences are listed in your notice.

There are a range of compensation measures:

- Adaptation period
- Knowledge test

If you successfully complete the compensation measure, you receive a certificate. You submit this certificate to the competent authority. The competent authority checks the certificate and all other requirements (e.g. personal aptitude or medical fitness). If you meet all requirements, your professional qualification is **recognised**. You receive authorisation to use the professional title. Professionally, you then have **the same rights** as a person with the German professional qualification.

Do you come from a third country? You are permitted to enter Germany for a compensation measure. Please seek advice if you have questions, or find out more about entry e.g. via the hotline **Working and Living in Germany**.

Counselling

If you do **not meet all requirements**, you can find out from the competent authority about the options available to you. Were you not able e.g. to provide evidence of your personal aptitude or your knowledge of German? The competent authority can help you with this.

My other options

Procedure for Ethnic German Resettlers

As an Ethnic German Resettler, you can select between two procedures for vocational recognition:

- You apply for the procedure described here.
- You apply for the procedure under Section 10 of the Federal Expellees Act (German: "§10 Bundesvertriebenengesetz, BVFG").

You can decide this. Your competent authority will advise you.

Further information

Info and links

- For further helpful information, see also this publication by the network Integration through Qualification (IQ): **Professional recognition for general nurses – becoming a skilled worker**

Legal Basis

- **Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications**
- **Pflegeberufegesetz (PflBG)** (in German)
- **Ausbildungs- und Prüfungsverordnung für die Berufe in der Krankenpflege (KrPflAPrV)** (in German)

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