NetQA—NETWORKS FOR SKILLS ANALYSES

NetQA was launched on 1 January 2019 as a joint project between multiple partners from the IHKs and HWKs. The aim of NetQA is to support competent authorities responsible for the recognition procedure in building up a regional expertise and network structure for skills analysis (QA). To this end, the project promotes networking between competent authorities when it comes to questions about QA—from the first consultation with the person seeking recognition to the decision regarding the equivalence of the professional qualification. Suitable offers of exchange and support should ensure a quality-assured and efficient QA process nationwide by 2022.

Tools and training provision
Tried-and-tested offers from the “Prototyping” and “Prototyping Transfer” projects, such as the expertise and knowledge pool or training programmes, remain unchanged.

Project partners and tasks

The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) is responsible for the coordination and knowledge management of the project. In this respect it takes on an interface role. The professional management and guidance of the Chambers of Crafts and Trades is the remit of the West German Chambers of Crafts and Skilled Trades’ Council, (Westdeutschen Handwerkskammertages, WHKT). The IHK FOSA (Foreign Skills Approval) is responsible for the professional support of the Chambers of Industry and Commerce (IHK). Die Central Agency for Continuing Vocational Education and Training in the Skilled Crafts (Zentralstelle für die Weiterbildung im Handwerk, ZWH) is the partner for the development and provision of training on QA. The plan is that the chambers which are project partners will act as multipliers and share their expertise regarding the performance of QAs in transfer regions with the rest of the country.

QUESTIONS ABOUT NETQA?
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Expertise and knowledge pool – practical information for competent authorities

Counsellors from the IHK FOSA, as well as the Chambers of Industry and Commerce and the local Chambers of Crafts and Trades, can find important information regarding the preparation and performance of a skills analysis. Other competent authorities can also make use of the offer.

What information can I find in the expertise and knowledge pool?
Useful tools, handouts and pre-printed forms are provided which can support you in your role as consultant. You can also find an overview of reference occupations for which a skills analysis has already been carried out, and points of contact at the relevant competent authority.

The roles and tasks of the counsellors during a skills analysis, as well as how the work can be supported by the expertise and knowledge pool, are shown in detail in our tutorial video.