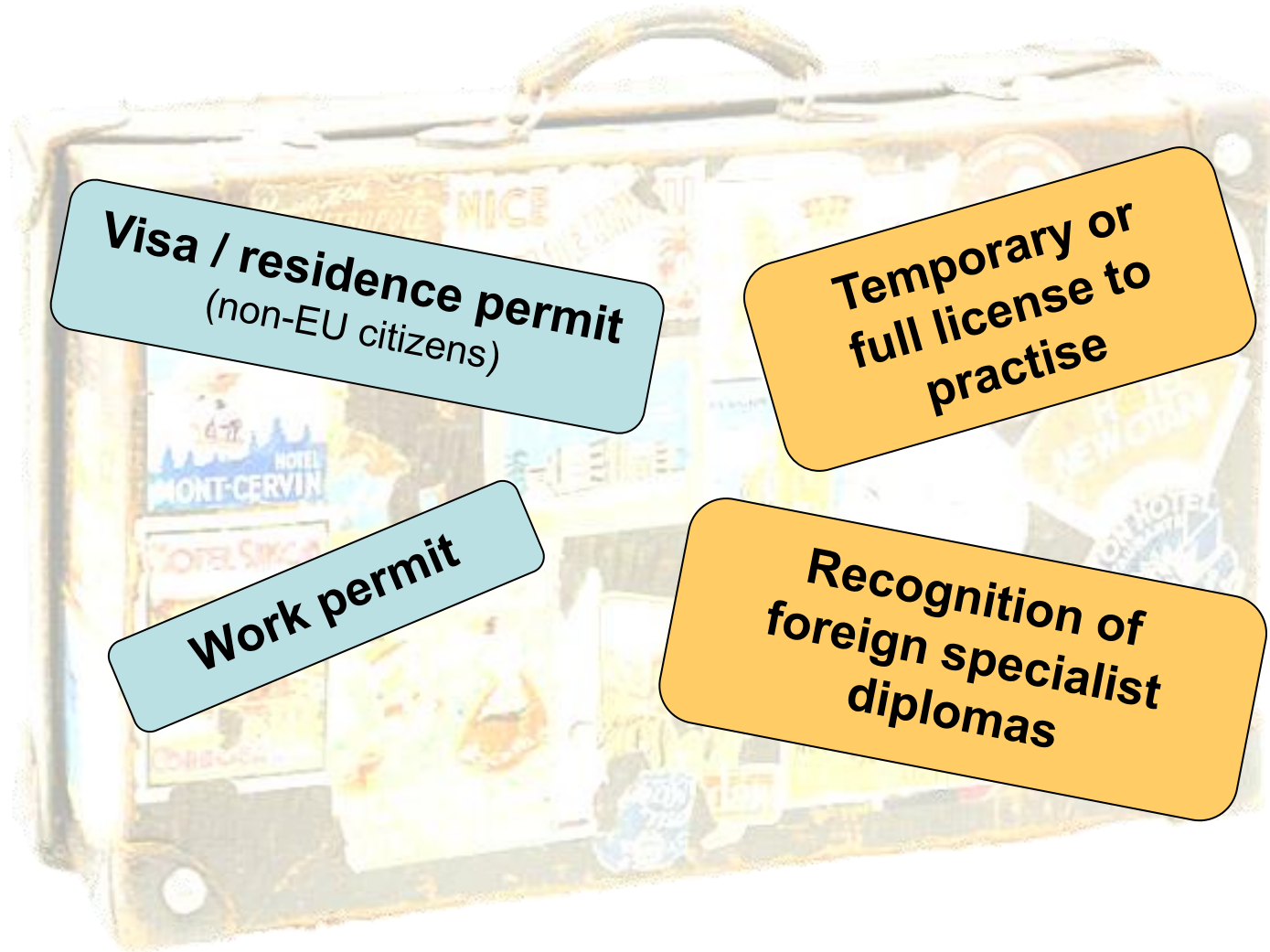

Berlin Chamber of Physicians



What do foreign physicians need to do in order to work in Germany?

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What is required?



Full or temporary license to practice

➤ Required in order to work as a physician:

Full license to practise (Approbation)

- No time limits or regional limits, valid for life, Germany-wide

Temporary license to practise (Berufserlaubnis)

- Valid for a limited time (maximum 24 months)
- Limited to the respective federal state
- Limited to specific activities and/or places of employment
- Additional conditions possible

- Apply to the competent registration authority for the federal state in which you want to work/live

What else do I need to be aware of?

Processing time:

The temporary license to practise (Berufserlaubnis) is issued more quickly, usually applied for by most physicians as the first step

What is the goal of your time in Germany?

Scientific work

Learning special methods

Experience abroad

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Bear in mind restrictions:

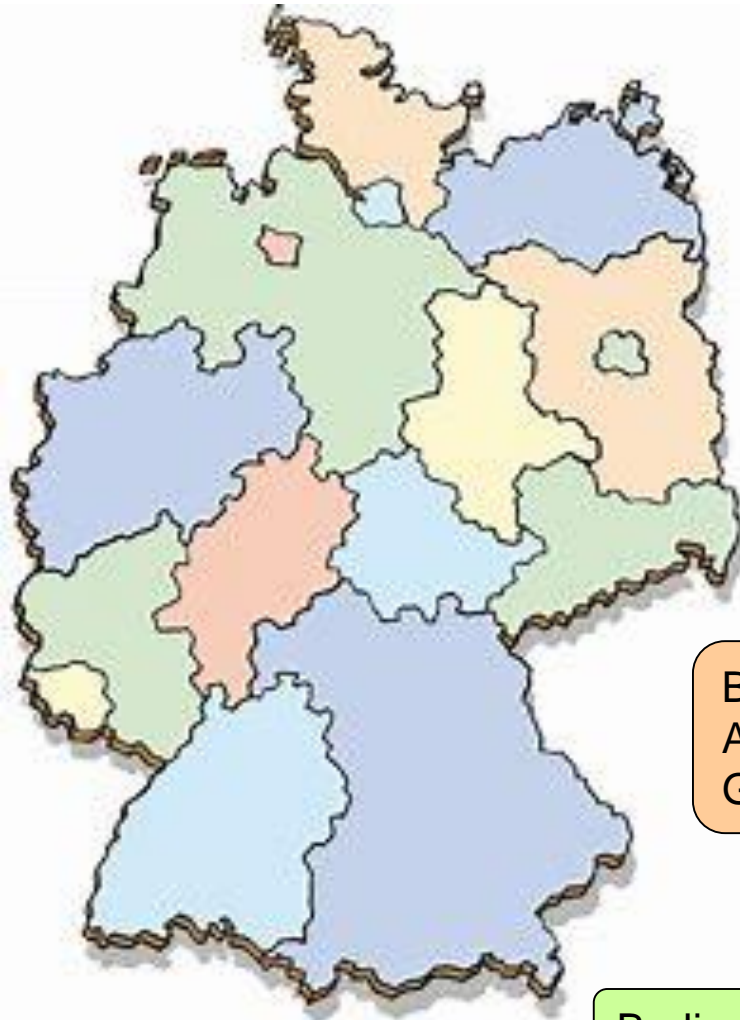
- Time – max. 2 years!
- Location
- Conditions? Only scientific work? Place of employment definite?

Temporary license to practise can be enough!

Additionally applying for a full license to practise might be better



Registration authorities of the 16 federal states



Schleswig-Holstein: Landesamt für soziale Dienste

Hamburg: Landesprüfungsamt

Bremen: Senatorin für Wissenschaft, Gesundheit und Verbraucherschutz

Lower Saxony: Niedersächsischer Zweckverband zur Approbationserteilung

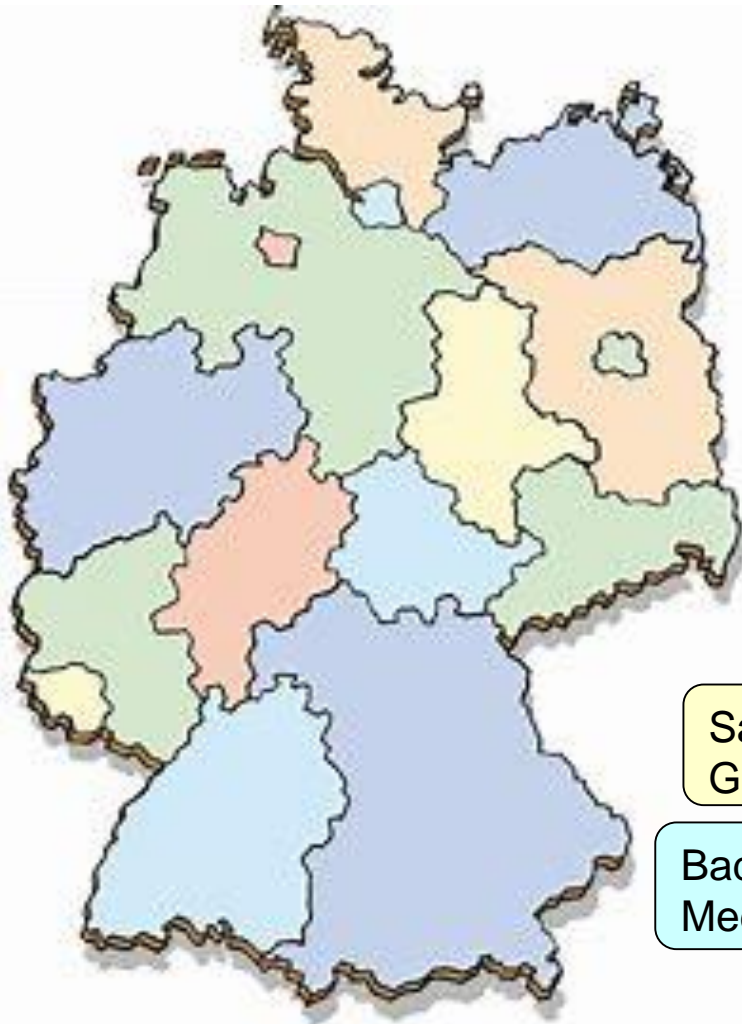
Mecklenburg-West Pomerania: Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales

Brandenburg: Landesamt für Arbeitsschutz, Verbraucherschutz und Gesundheit

Saxony-Anhalt: Landesverwaltungsamt

Berlin: Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales

Registration authorities of the 16 federal states



North Rhine-Westphalia:
Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf

Hesse: Hessisches Landesprüfungs- und
Untersuchungsamt im Gesundheitswesen

Thuringia: Thüringer Landesverwaltungsamt

Saxony: Landesdirektion Sachsen, Abteilung
Inneres, Soziales und Gesundheit

Rhineland-Palatinate: Landesamt für
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Saarland: Landesamt für Soziales, Zentralstelle für
Gesundheitsberufe und Landesprüfungsamt

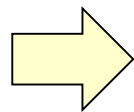
Baden-Wuerttemberg: Landesprüfungsamt für
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Bavaria: Regierung von Oberbayern

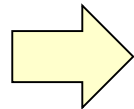
Requirements for full license to practise*

Basic medical training within the EU, EEA and Switzerland

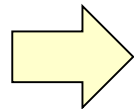
Basic medical training in a non-EU/EEA country



“Respectable and reliable”:
certificate of good conduct and a criminal record extract



Fitness to practise: medical certificate



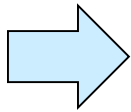
Sufficient knowledge of the German language to practise the profession!

- B2 certificate from Telc, TestDaF or Goethe and
- German medical language proficiency examination at level C1

* The requirements also apply for obtaining the temporary license to practise – only the German medical language proficiency examination is not required by all federal states.

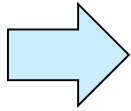
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Normal scenario: Approbation (full license to practise)

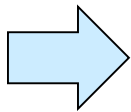
Training started and completed after the country joined the EU



“Old” qualification

With certificate of conformity / proof of professional experience:

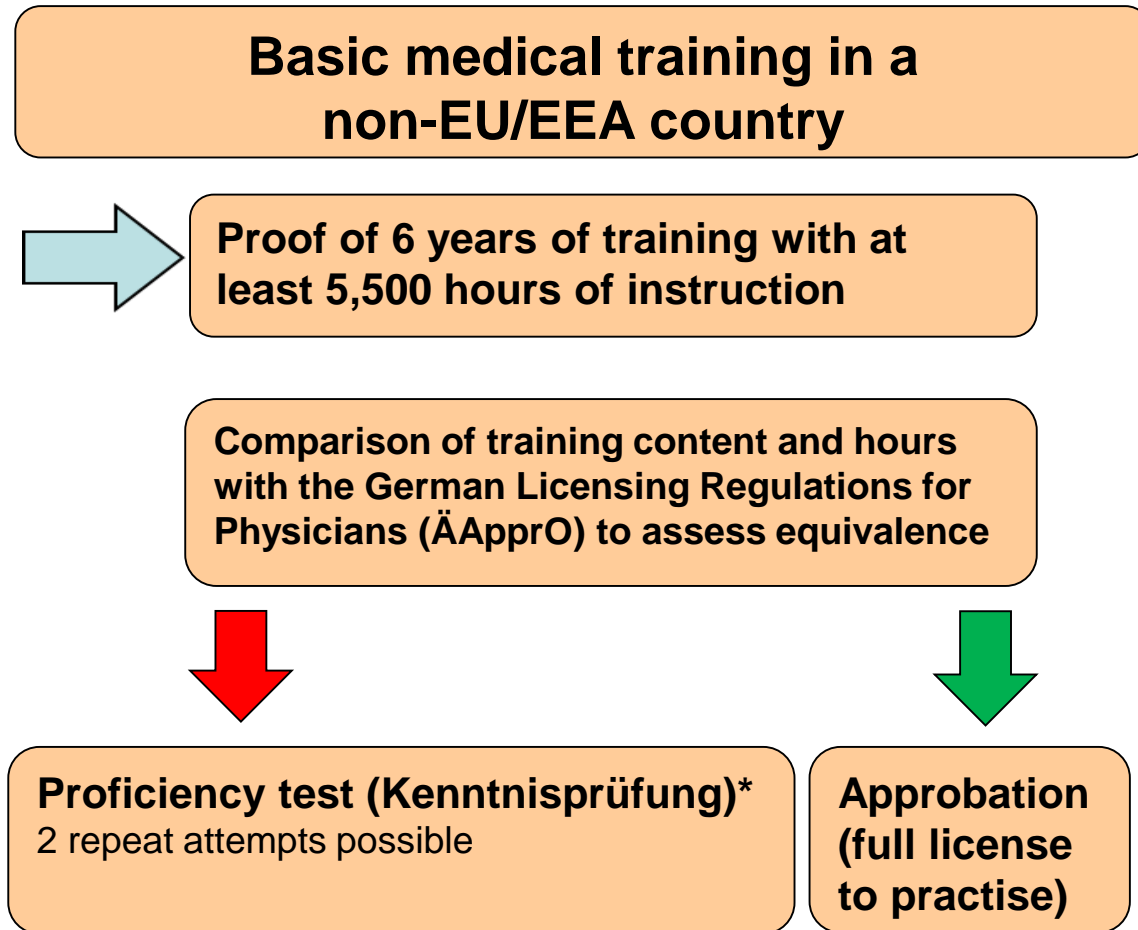
⇒ **Approbation (full license to practise)**



“Old” qualification without conformity certificate or professional experience: individual assessment of training
⇒ **Approbation (full license to practise), aptitude test (Eignungsprüfung) may be required first**

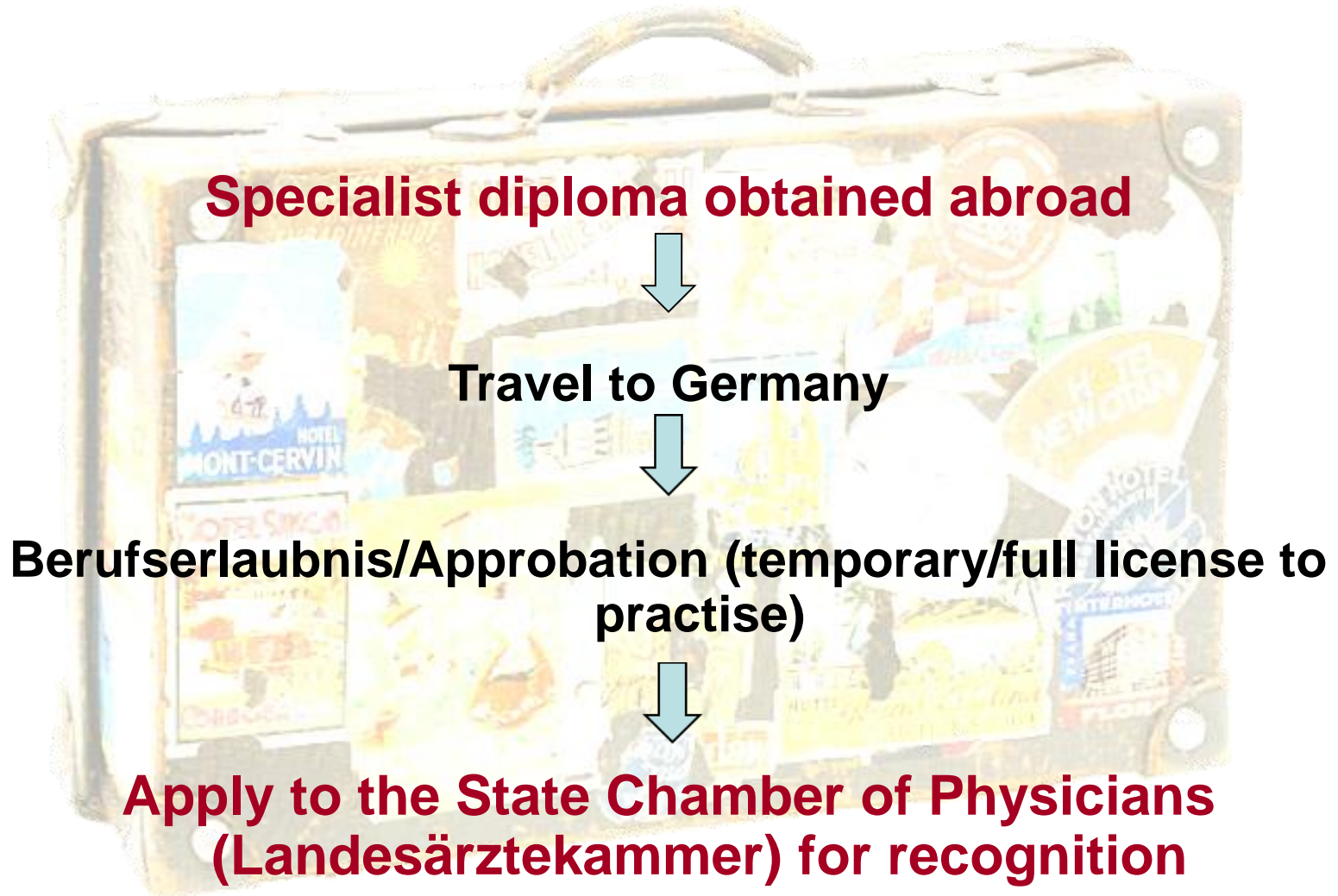
This (currently) still applies for medical training qualifications from the UK!

Requirements for full license to practise



** Comparable with the Third State Examination for Physicians in Germany*

Recognition of foreign specialist diplomas



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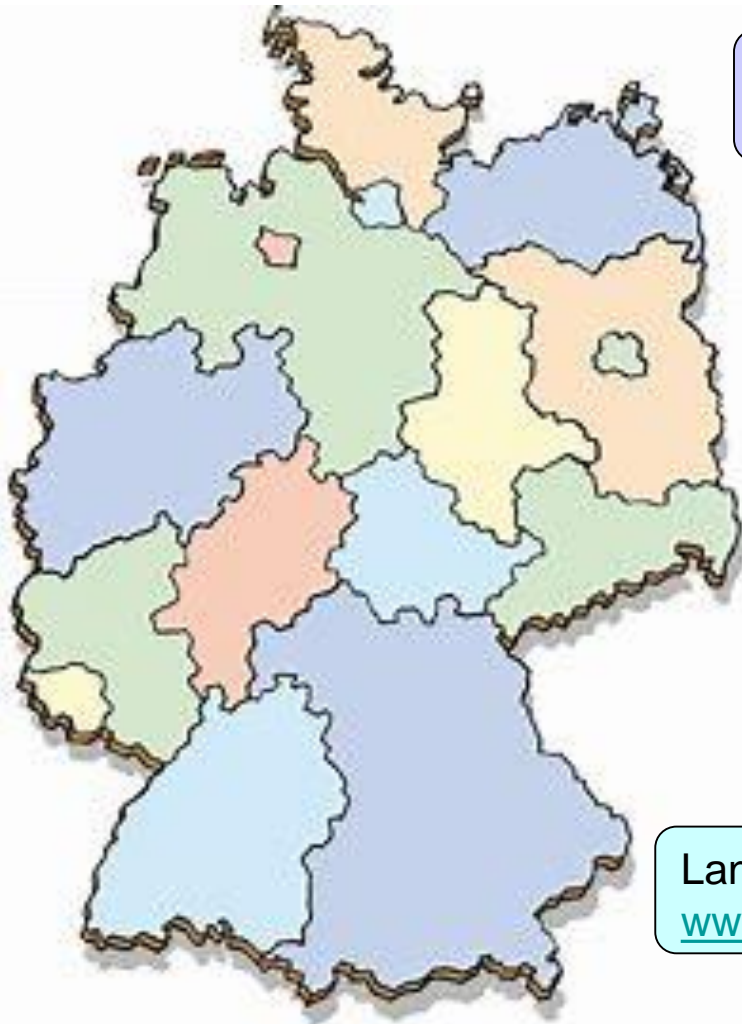
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Applying for recognition of foreign specialist diplomas

Documents to be submitted to the competent State Chamber of Physicians:

- Written application for recognition (Antrag auf Anerkennung)
- Approbation or Berufserlaubnis (full or temporary license to practise in Germany)
- Proof of identity
- Completed specialist training and professional experience in tabular form



Automatic recognition in accordance with EU Directive 2005/36/EC

- Specialist diploma (original or certified copy)
- Conformity certificate if applicable



Individual equivalence assessment

- Proof of speciality training and if necessary proof of professional experience (originals or certified copies)
- Official translation of the documents in German

Overview

Who is responsible for what in Germany?

*Full or temporary
license to practise*

**Registration authority
(Approbationsbehörde)**

*Federal state in which
the physician will be
working*

*Foreign specialist
diploma*

**State Chamber of Physicians
(Landesärztekammer)**

What do you need to apply?

- Required documents/proof with official translations
- Time – several months!
 - Exception: straightforward EU recognition
- Money to cover costs

What else is important?

Good preparation and acquiring the necessary language skills

Good to know

- Procedures are basically standardised – but there are differences in the details
- The authorities are not interlinked
- Central Advisory Board for Health Professions (Gutachtenstelle für Gesundheitsberufe, GfG)
 - Supports the registration authorities with assessing the equivalence of training qualifications from third countries
 - Registration authorities order the equivalence assessment, costs are to be covered by the physician
 - No general involvement!
- Agencies do not offer any advantages regarding the decision by the authorities



Links

- <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node>
- <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/fuer-fachkraefte/deutschland-kennenlernen>
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