



Federal Ministry  
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and Research

# The Recognition Grant

Benefit from the recognition of foreign professional  
qualifications



# The recognition grant: Supporting the recognition of your qualifications

Germany is famous for the quality of its dual vocational training and higher education. Here in Germany, a good education gives you the best chances on the job market. Many companies, trades businesses, hospitals and care homes urgently need qualified staff.

Skilled workers who have obtained their professional or academic qualifications in another country can compare these with equivalent German qualifications and obtain official recognition where applicable. The costs incurred during this process should not be an impediment. We have therefore set up the recognition grant to help people who do not receive any other form of support. We would like to thank the IQ advice centres, chambers and other stakeholders, who are involved in many ways in the recognition of professional qualifications, for the support and advice that they provide for skilled professionals.

Our goal is to ensure that every person in our country is able to fully develop their talents and find work that fits their skills. This is the key to personal satisfaction and successful integration. Skilled employees are, in turn, the key to Germany's economic strength.

We would like to wish every success to everyone seeking to further their career here in Germany.

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### **What is the recognition grant?**

The recognition grant is intended for people who wish to obtain official recognition in Germany for their foreign professional or academic qualifications and who do not receive any other form of financial support. In particular, people working below the level of their qualifications with a low income can have the costs of the qualification recognition or certificate assessment procedures reimbursed. Insofar as further training is required in order to obtain full recognition, this can also be funded using the recognition grant.

### **Who is eligible for funding?**

- You obtained a professional qualification in a different country and want to start the qualification recognition process in Germany,
- Or, you have obtained an academic qualification in another country and wish to apply for a Statement of Comparability from the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB).
- Your habitual or main residence is in Germany, regardless of nationality, residence status or which country you completed your training in.
- You have limited financial resources: the threshold for individuals is up to €32,000 annual gross income and €50,000 for married couples (total of positive income, less allowances for children).
- Your costs are not covered by the Federal Employment Agency, the job centre or other *Länder* funding programmes.
- (Only for training grants:) You have received notification of partial equivalence and/or the requirement to undertake compensatory measures as part of the professional qualification recognition procedure.

## What costs does the grant cover?

What measures are covered?	How much is available?
Fees and expenses associated with the qualification recognition procedure (e.g. initial or follow-up application or assessment costs)	max. €600 per person
ZAB Statement of Comparability	
Costs for translations, certifications and affidavits	
Costs for qualification analyses	max. €1,200 per person
Costs for adaptation periods, adaptation measures, preparatory training for aptitude and knowledge tests including inter-company apprentice training	max. €3,000 per person
Examination fees (e.g. knowledge and aptitude tests)	
Travel and accommodation expenses directly related to these measures	





### **How is the grant paid?**

The funding is paid out following the submission of receipts or invoices (e.g. notification of fees, invoice for translation services). Invoices must be submitted no later than nine months after grant approval has been received. In general, funding can only be provided for costs that are incurred after submitting an application for a recognition grant. Applications can be made for total costs that exceed one hundred euros.

Applications for a recognition grant can be submitted until 30 June 2027. Applications for the reimbursement of costs can be made up to nine months after receiving grant approval. Applications for the payment of the grant can be made until 30 September 2028 at the very latest. There is no legal entitlement to a recognition grant.

## Further information

→ **Online:**

[anererkennungszuspruch.de](https://anererkennungszuspruch.de)

→ **Central funding institution:**

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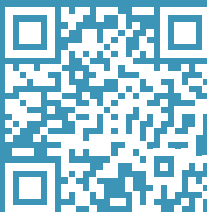
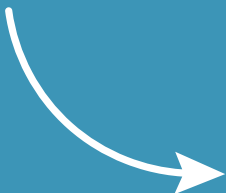
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You can also find more information about the qualification recognition process and other financing opportunities at [anererkennung-in-deutschland.de](https://anererkennung-in-deutschland.de).

Apply here:

[anererkennungszuspruch.de](https://anererkennungszuspruch.de)



# Your funding journey



Anerkennungs-  
zuschuss

Do you have a professional or academic qualification from another country? Would you like to have this officially recognized or classified in Germany? Or have you already received a notification letter? Do you need to do further training or assessments to achieve full equivalence? Do you need financial support for this?

Recognition  
counselling



Funding  
application



Go to [anerkennungszuschuss.de](https://anerkennungszuschuss.de) and fill out the application form to receive a recognition grant. Do you need help? Contact an advice centre near you.

Recognition  
application



Have you received funding approval? Start the recognition procedure or additional training.

Payment



Have you incurred costs of more than €100? The central institution will pay out the recognition grant once you have submitted all your paperwork.

Completion  
of recognition  
procedure



You can claim for costs up to nine months after receiving notification of funding approval. Is your recognition procedure still ongoing? You haven't finished your training yet? Contact the central funding institution and notify them about the status of your recognition procedure.



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