

# Pharmacists - Education abroad

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## Pharmacists from third countries, the EU, EEA and Switzerland

### Licence to practice (Approbation)

Are you planning to work permanently and without restrictions as a pharmacist in Germany after studying pharmacy abroad? Then you will need a special professional licence: the Approbation.

### Professional licence (Berufserlaubnis)

It is also possible to apply for a professional licence to work as a pharmacist on a temporary and limited basis. However, this licence is only valid for a period of 2 years and is limited to work under supervision (non-self-employed and non-managerial work).

In Baden-Württemberg, the licence to practice as well as the professional licence must be applied for at the Stuttgart Regional Council (Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart).

Do you need more information?

You can find more on this topic in our

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### General information

The language certificates must be provided by every applicant, irrespective of whether the applicant is training to become a pharmacist in an EU member state, an EEC member state or a third country.

Language skills in German at level B2 and technical language skills at level C1 must be demonstrated.

No academic degrees (e.g. doctorate, bachelor, master, diploma) are entered on the licence to practise medicine, as academic degrees are not part of the name.

### Further information and forms

[Technical language exam](#) (in german)

[Registration for the technical language examination \(pdf, 118 KB\)](#) (in german)

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Applicants with pharmaceutical training from an EU/EEA country or Switzerland

A licence to practise pharmacy on a permanent basis is required. Please submit the documents according to the application by post.

### Form and Link

[Application for licensure as a pharmacist with professional qualification acquired abroad \(pdf, 42 KB\) \(in german\)](#)  
[European Professional Card](#)

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Applicants with pharmaceutical training from a third country (not in Germany, EU, EEC and Switzerland)

For the granting of the licence to practise pharmacy, the Federal Pharmacists' Code provides for the equivalence check of the pharmacy studies completed abroad with the current German pharmacy studies.

Under certain circumstances, it is possible to grant you a professionally restricted professional licence according to § 11 Para. 1 BApO. This professional permit can be restricted to certain activities and employment positions. It may only be granted or extended revocably and for a limited period of time up to a maximum of two years.

### Forms

[Antrag auf Erteilung der Approbation als Apotheker/Apothekerin \(Drittstaat\) und / oder Erteilung einer Berufserlaubnis \(pdf, 254 KB\)](#)  
[Anlage 2: Ärztliche Bescheinigung \(pdf, 94 KB\)](#)  
[Anlage 3: Stellenzusage \(pdf, 130 KB\)](#)



Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart

## Contact

### Recognition of foreign qualifications in the health sector

Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart

[Department 95.2](#)

Landesankennungsstelle für Gesundheitsberufe (LAFG BW)

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Please submit application documents by post only.

[Contact form](#)

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## Please note: Longer processing times

We ask for your understanding that longer processing times must be expected due to the large number of applications received. To enable us to process the applications more quickly, please submit all application documents in full.

## Counselling services:

Department 95 cannot provide counselling beyond the written information.

The [IQ Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg](#) maintains a state-wide counselling network for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications.

If your interest relates to Germany in general, we recommend that you use the advisory services offered by the [Central Service Point for Professional Recognition ZSBA](#). The ZSBA advises and supports you throughout the entire recognition procedure and can assist you in compiling the documents. The service is free of charge. You can reach the ZSBA at the e-mail address [recognition@arbeitsagentur.de](mailto:recognition@arbeitsagentur.de).