

Doctor from a third country?

Your path to German licensure to practise medicine in Hessen



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In Praxis

Leb Hessen!

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Apply for medical
license

Apply for Visa

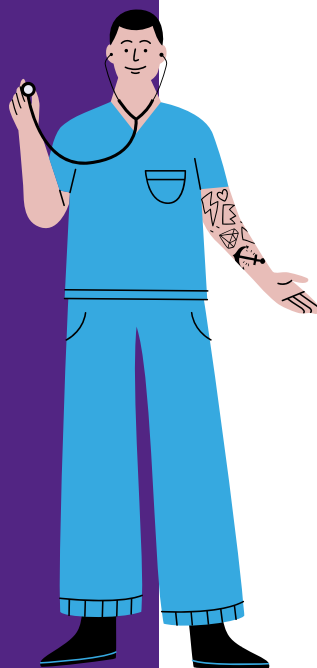
Specialized
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Proficiency Test
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provisional license
to practice
medicine

Knowledge Test

Equivalence
verification

German medical
license



The application for approval does not necessarily have to be submitted from abroad.

To be able to apply for approval, a language certificate of at least B2 German from Goethe-Institut or telc gGmbH must be provided.



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Approval application

Since 01.04.2025, the initial review of applications from third countries has been the responsibility of the PQZ*. After initial review, your application is forwarded to the HlfGP*.

More information and the application can be found here!



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Visa application

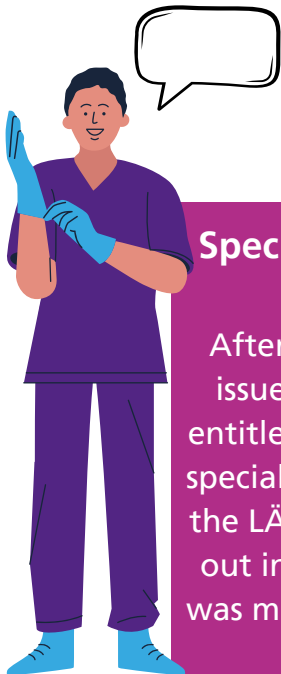
Which type of visa applies to you can be found on the website of the Federal Government or at the responsible German embassy in your home country.



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Specialized language proficiency test

After application review, the HlfGP* issues a confirmation of receipt that entitles the applicant to register for the specialized language proficiency test on the LÄK* portal. The test is only carried out in the state where the application was made and can be repeated as often as necessary.



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provisional license to practice medicine

After passing the specialized language proficiency test, a temporary (max. 2 years) license to practise medicine can be issued. For this, an employment contract must be in place.

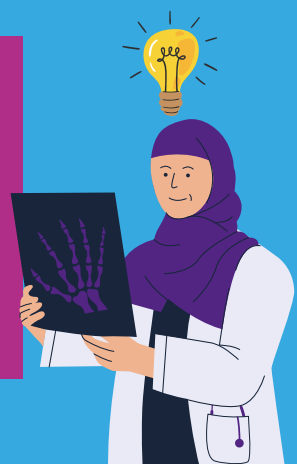


More information about the exams can be found here!

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Knowledge test

If inconsistencies are found during the equivalence verification, a knowledge test must be taken. Registration is done by the HlfGP* with the LÄK*. Three attempts are available nationwide.



Points of contact with the KV

after receiving your license to practise as a doctor

The KVH ensures in Hessen that people with statutory health insurance are medically cared for by doctors and psychotherapists, and that the practices are distributed as evenly as possible throughout the state. Now and in the future.

It is particularly important for the KVH to think about future doctors now. Therefore, we want to make the path to your German license to practise medicine as easy as possible with our guide.

Financial support & further education

The KVH processes applications and approvals for the topics of funding and further education as part of the postgraduate training in ambulatory care services.

Consultation

Do you have questions about funding, further education, establishment or the statutory health insurance system. Then please contact us!

Branch and employment

You still don't know which path is the right one after the approval? We help you find a solution for your personal situation.

KV  KASSENÄRZTLICHE
VEREINIGUNG
HESSEN

More information about the KVH
is available here!





Good to know!

Tip:

Be sure to allow enough time for the application review! The duration of the test may vary due to various factors.



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The complete application includes the **application itself** and **five additional attachments**. You can find these on the HLfGP* website or via the QR-Code in this document.

In the first attachment of the document you will find a **checklist** for all the documents to be attached, in addition to the submission form.

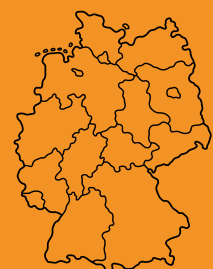


The approval process is **subject to a fee**. The amount of costs may vary and depends on the effort of processing.



Translations of your documents from your native language into German must be made by a sworn, certified or authorized translator. An overview can be found in the translator and interpreter database of the state justice administration at: www.justiz-dolmetscher.de.

If you have already completed an approval procedure in **another federal state**, a copy of the proof of the withdrawal of the approval application from the approval authority must be attached to the application.





Good to know!

Official German translations are only accepted if a **simple copy** of the document to be translated is attached to the original translation and both are firmly bound together.



Medical activities with a provisional license to practise medicine are **not** credited towards the further specialized education training.

If you have already been in Germany for **at least three months**, you must also apply for a certificate of good conduct at your local registration office.

at least **3**

Your original documents must be confirmed with a **Hague Apostille**¹. The officially certified copies to be submitted must show that a Hague Apostille or legalization has taken place. Important: The apostille must be inseparably attached to the original.

The **delivery of the certificate of approval** is only possible to a German postal address. Sending to a foreign country or to your employer is **not** permitted.



¹ The Hague Apostille is a note, established in the Hague Convention abolishing the requirement of legalization for foreign public documents. It confirms the authenticity of the signature and the authority to issue a public document. The procurement is a fee-based official act, which often involves long waiting times. This can be applied for at the German embassy.

Contacts

For questions about the German license to practise medicine or the two exams, the Landesärztekammer Hessen is your contact!

<https://www.laekh.de>



Landesärztekammer Hessen
Körperschaft des öffentlichen Rechts

For questions about processing your application, the Hessisches Landesamt für Gesundheit und Pflege will be happy to assist you!



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For questions about submitting the initial application from third countries the PQZ is available to help you!

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