

## **Working in Germany – language course placement**

In order to obtain a German licence to practise medicine (in German: “Approbation”)/permission to pursue gainful employment, foreign national physicians must prove that they have sufficient German language skills.

The language requirement for the granting of a licence to practise medicine/permission to pursue gainful employment is proof of general language and specialist language. This means at least the general language level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. In addition, a special medical language examination, which is oriented towards level C1 of the CEFR, must be taken.

Via the following link of the Federal Employment Agency, physicians can find the employment agency responsible for them and register as job seekers:

Help for refugees from Ukraine  
(Federal Employment Agency)

After registration, there is the possibility of a language course placement via the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge).

## **Permission to pursue gainful employment – recognition of professional qualification**

Physicians without a German licence to practise medicine can apply for a professional licence in accordance with Section 10 of the German Medical Code (Bundesärzteordnung) with the district government of Münster:

Central Recognition Office for Health Professions  
(District Government of Münster)

Via the link of the “Marburger Bund” (Union of German Hospital Doctors), you will find “FAQs – Doctors with foreign qualifications” ([also available in English](#)). Here, all relevant questions concerning the German licence to practise medicine, cost absorption or preparatory courses are explained:

FAQs – Doctors with foreign qualifications  
(Marburger Bund)