

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMAS IN ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN OR URBAN PLANNING

Procedures

Recognition procedures start with an evaluation whether your degree is formally equal to a German diploma. If need be, the Zentrale für ausländisches Bildungswesen - Sekretariat der Ständigen Konferenz der Kultusminister der Länder in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland KMK (Office of Foreign Education - Secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education in the Federal Republic of Germany KMK) will be involved in this evaluation. When a statement on the equality of your diploma is available, the Registration Committee of the Architekten- und Stadtplanerkammer Hessen AKH (Chamber of Architects and Town Planners of the German State of Hessen) will evaluate whether the contents of your course of studies are equivalent to those of a German study course in architecture.

Required documents

To enable us to execute the formal and content evaluation, please forward the respective documentation (diploma certificate, diploma document incl. a list of all subjects covered, both in the original language and a translation in German language (English will also be accepted)) together with an informal application. The original diploma documents in the original language must be submitted as certified copies. The translations submitted must be certified translations by a recognized sworn translator.

Please forward the complete documentation to:

Architekten- und Stadtplanerkammer Hessen
Frau Astrid Huth-Rüppel
Bierstadter Straße 2
65189 Wiesbaden

We will inform you in writing about the results of the evaluation of your diploma.

Depending on the extent of work the handling fees for the evaluation of your diploma range between 150 and 600 Euro – for regular cases the fee is 150 Euro. On receipt of the complete application for the recognition of your diploma we will send you an invoice. In some cases the handling fees may be refunded – either partially or completely – by your employment agency. Prior to the recognition procedures you can also apply to the Federal Ministry of Education and Research for reimbursement of the handling fees (more information is available at www.anerkennungszuspruch.de).

If you hold an EU diploma already notified in Annex V.7.1 of the Directive 2005/36/EC on the Recognition of Professional Diplomas that is subject to automatic recognition, we will confirm this after our inspection. In this case, no fees will be charged.

If as a result of the evaluation your diploma is found to be equivalent to a German study course in architecture, you may apply for registration in a professional register at the AKH.

Registration in a professional register

Please note that the recognition of the foreign qualification must not be confused with the registration in a professional register at the Chamber of Architects. Usually, at least two years of practical professional traineeship under the supervision of a qualified professional and possibly regulated advanced training and a practice period on a construction site are prerequisites for registration in a

professional register. Please note that in Germany the professional title "Architekt" (and derivations like interior architect, landscape architect, urban planner) is a legally protected title, which may only be borne by those registered in a professional register at a German Chamber of Architects.

At www.akh.de/mitgliedschaft/mitglied-werden/ you'll find more detailed information about registration in a professional register at our chamber and the respective application forms for download.

In case of any questions please don't hesitate to contact us (rueppel@akh.de).