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Information on ANABIN

Whom does this information concern?

– This information applies to employees (EU Blue Card and others) as well as job seekers who apply for a national visa and need to find out whether their foreign university degree is comparable to a German university degree and therefore acceptable in Germany.

– If you do not have a comparable foreign university degree, you can still seek long-term employment in Germany (particularly in occupations requiring formal training, as specialized worker or executive manager, scientist or as part of an international personnel exchange program). The Embassy will consider this in each individual case. However, if you have a university degree, we recommend researching its assessment as far as possible in ANABIN. Please present a printout of the result of your research as proof of qualification when submitting your visa application.

– Regarding occupations that require formal training: Please have a look on the website www.make-it-in-germany.com and the so-called „positive list" of the Federal Employment Agency („Bundesagentur für Arbeit"). This list must include the job you intend to aim for. The positive list names professions that are currently in particular demand on the German labor market. In addition to IT-jobs, professions in the technical field (e.g. industrial electrician, mechatronics engineer), healthcare (e. g. in the geriatric and nursing area) and craft professions (e. g. carpenter or joiner) are highly attractive for the German labor market at present. Only if the job you intend to aim for is on the positive list, you in principle can take up an occupation that requires formal training in Germany. In this case, please visit the website http://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de to find out more about the options for the recognition of your foreign qualification in Germany and how to apply for this recognition.

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1. Please read the following information carefully.
2. Then prepare your ANABIN printouts and enclose them along with the other required documents.

What is ANABIN?

ANABIN is a database that has been developed by the Culture Ministers' Conference of the Federal States („Kultusministerkonferenz der Länder" – KMK) since 1997. It provides information on the assessment of foreign educational certificates. The Central Office for Foreign Education („Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen" – ZAB) in Bonn is responsible for its data acquisition and management.

Please note that ANABIN is unfortunately only available in German! The following information will help you to navigate through the website and assess your results.

How do I go about my research?

1	Retrieving information regarding your university
	1. Open ANABIN https://anabin.kmk.org/no_cache/filter/institutionen.html
	2. In the left-hand menu, click on „Institutionen", then in the top center of the page on "Suchen".
	3. Select a country (e. g. "Lettland") by clicking on the arrow in the drop-down menu „Länderauswahl" and then checking the country in which your university is based.
	4. Then click "Länderauswahl bestätigen" in the top right.
	5. Specify your university's location (e. g. „Riga") in the following drop-down menu „Alle Orte" by clicking on the respective town.
	6. You will now have the option to select the type of institution for your university in the next drop-down menu „Alle Institutionstypen"). However, the classification of your university in ANABIN is not always clear; some of the selectable types of institutions may be foreign to you or not match your respective university. We therefore recommend not to specify this field and to leave it with the pre-given status "Alle Institutionstypen".
	7. You can now see the search result in the list below. If there are too many results, you can narrow your search using specific terms (e. g. "Stradins") in the field „Bitte geben Sie einen Suchbegriff ein" and clicking on "Suche starten". However, make sure to only use these search terms in transliteration.
	8. When you have found your university (e. g. "Stradins University"), please click on the purple plus symbol on the left side of this entry; a new window will pop-up.
	9. Now click on the printer symbol at the top of this new window. A similar print preview should open: Ausdruck aus der ANABIN Datenbank der Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen **Land:** Lettland **Bildungsinstitution:** Rigas Stradina universitate **Kontakt** Name auf Deutsch: Stradins-Universität Riga Anschrift: Rigas Stradina universitate Dzirciema iela 16, Riga, LV-1007 Lettland Telefon: +371-2459752 Fax: +371-7828155 E-Mail: rsu@adm.aml.lv Homepage: www.rsu.lv/ Andere Namen für diese Institution Deutsch: Stradins-Universität Riga Veralteter Name: Medizinakademie Lettlands Veralteter Name: Latvijas medicinas akademija **Status** Institutionstyp: Spezialisierte Hochschule Status: H+
	10. Print out this document. Your university should have the status „H +".

2	**Retrieving information regarding your university degree**
	First option: Your degree is already listed in the information on your university under "Abschlüsse". Click on the respective degree and you should see something like this: **⊟ Bewertung** | Äquivalenzklasse	Entsprechender dt. Abschlusstyp
Entspricht	Magister / Master - konsekutiv
Entspricht	Diplomgrad Univ. | Print out this information via the printer symbol. Your degree should have the equivalence of "entspricht" (corresponds to) or "gleichwertig" (equivalent).
	Second option: If you **cannot** find your degree in the information on your university: 1. Return to the home page. In the left-hand menu, click on "Hochschulabschlüsse" and then in the top center on "Suche nach Abschlüssen" 2. Select a country (e. g. „Südafrika") by clicking on the arrow in the drop-down menu „Länderauswahl" and then checking the country in which your university is located. 3. Then click "Länderauswahl bestätigen" in the top right. 4. You will now have the option to select the type of your university degree in the next drop-down menu „Alle Abschlusstypen"). However, the classification of your university degree in ANABIN is not always clear; some of the selectable types of degrees may be foreign to you or not match your respective degree. We therefore recommend not to specify this field and to leave it with the pre-given status "Alle Abschlusstypen. 5. Choose your field of study by opening the final drop-down menu "Alle Studienrichtungen" and checking the appropriate field. 6. You can now see the search result in the list below. If you cannot find your field of study in the list or if you would like to provide further information, you can narrow your search using specific terms in the fields „Bitte geben Sie einen Suchbegriff ein" and clicking on "Suche starten". However, make sure to only use these search terms in transliteration. 7. Once you have found your university degree, click on the purple plus symbol on the left side of this entry; a new pop-up window will open. 8. Now click on the printer symbol at the top of this new window, creating a print preview. 9. Print this document. Your degree should have the equivalence of "entspricht" (corresponds to) or "gleichwertig" (equivalent) **AND** the listing under "verleihende Institution" (awarding institution) must include at least one university. Furthermore, this university must **be rated "H +" and must be locatedin the country** (e. g. "Südafrika") **in which you obtained your university degree.** **.**
	What can I do if my university / university degree cannot be found or my search results do not meet the above-mentioned criteria?
	The ANABIN database makes no claim to be complete. In some cases, a university degree / type of degree or the information for comparability may therefore not be listed yet in ANABIN. If your specific degree or your university is not listed in ANABIN, this does not mean that your degree is not comparable. You can initiate having your degree or your university included in ANABIN by undertaking a certificate assessment procedure at the Central Office for Foreign Education ("Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen" – ZAB). More information can be found at www.kmk.org/zab.html. According to the experience of this Embassy, this procedure usually takes about two months, sometimes shorter or longer depending on the individual case. After completing the procedure, you will receive a notice of recognition that you can submit as proof of

| | the comparability of your foreign university degree to your visa application proceedings. The evaluation of your university degree can thus be finally clarified. |