

Background

Around 108,000 people living in Saxony-Anhalt have an immigrant background. Several factors explain the fact that immigrants are twice as affected by unemployment as workers without an immigrant background. Many of them have professional qualifications or other valuable skills that are often not recognized in this country. The demographic change and the resulting labour shortage - under the direction of the professional recognition and qualification process - present opportunities for immigrants. Through their skills, they are an asset for the labour market. In order to fully realize the potential of the labor force, all aspects, especially immigrants, must be integrated.

Network Structure

In the funding period between 2015-2018 in Saxony-Anhalt, eight service points, in addition to the countrywide coordination, offer the local integration agents, employment agencies, job centers, chambers of commerce, enterprises, migration services and migrant organizations training and advice and interlink regional support services for a transparent and perfect fit for information and consulting services:

- Service point IQ „Recognition and Qualification counselling“
- Service point IQ „Training in the Context of the Recognition Act“
- Service point IQ „Intercultural Orientation / Opening, Anti-Discrimination and Diversity“

The program „Integration through Qualification“ aims at the sustained improvement in the labour market integration of adults with a migration background. The program is funded by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) and the European Social Fund (ESF). Partners in the implementation are the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Employment Agency (BA).

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Recognize and acknowledge professional resources

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Why were IQ service points for vocational recognition established?

The vocational skills of migrants were little used in the past. Many have good qualifications but are in low wage jobs because certificates obtained abroad are not legally recognized.

Another reason is that document recognition procedures and responsibilities are often complicated. Many migrant workers, therefore, do not know whether the German recognition of their foreign certificate is necessary, who is responsible for the recognition of their profession and which documents are required for it. Likewise, there are few counselling and training opportunities to acquire the necessary missing knowledge and skills for partial professional recognition.

Since 2012, immigrants have the right to obtain validation of their professional qualification and skills according to the recognition laws of the Federation (2012) and the country (2014).

The service points IQ „Recognition and Qualification Counselling“ assist immigrants in recognition procedures in close collaboration with immigration counselling services and certification points.

The aim of this support is to ensure that immigrants are able to contribute to the labor market according to their qualifications as soon as possible.

Who can benefit from IQ service points ?

- Migrants who have acquired a skill or completed studies in their native country and wish to practice their profession/trade in Germany.
- Migrants who face problems in the recognition procedure and need advice.
- Migrants whose qualifications have been recognized only in part and who are looking for further training.
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- Migrant organizations that wish to receive information regarding the recognition of foreign qualifications or to check the news in this area.

What type of assistance and support can you expect from IQ service points?

- Migrants will be advised where to find the recognition point in charge and which documents are required for the recognition procedure.
- On request, recognition point will be contacted to solve procedural questions.
- In the case of partial recognition, we advise how and where the differences can be compensated through bridge training to gain full recognition.
- For agents in the field of migration, we are available for any questions relating to recognition and qualification.
- If necessary, we hold lectures on „recognition of foreign qualifications and skills“ in the form of training sessions and events.
- We create current informational materials for qualification and the recognition of foreign qualifications.