



## Information Sheet

for foreign physicians on the recognition of specialty training conducted within the framework of a scholarship or other funding programme

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The requirements for specialty training in Germany are determined by the specialty training regulations of the individual state chambers of physicians. According to the legal provisions of these regulations, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Specialty training may only commence after a full or temporary license to practise medicine (*Approbation* or *Berufserlaubnis*) has been granted.
- Specialty training must be carried out on a full-time basis under the supervision of an authorised specialist trainer (supervisor).
- Specialty training includes participation in all medical activities pertaining to patient care in the field in which the specialty training is being conducted, including taking part in requisite on-call duties.
- All of the above and below requirements should be agreed in a written contract.
- Before commencement of specialty training, physicians are provided with a plan setting out the individual periods of time allotted for each training activity. Specialty training activities must be continuously documented and progress discussed during an annual meeting with the supervisor.
- Upon completion of specialty training, the supervisor must provide the physician with a detailed specialty training certificate along with a written statement by the supervisor regarding the physician's readiness for the specialty examination.
- Specialty training takes place within the framework of appropriately remunerated professional employment as a physician. Appropriate remuneration is oriented on the arrangements of the collective agreement concluded for physicians, including, for example, remuneration via a scholarship or other third-party funding.
- Physicians must be insured against the possibility of liability claims arising within the context of their professional practise (proof of liability insurance is required).

Physicians who come to Germany from abroad for periods of specialty training within the framework of a scholarship or other funding programme are requested to seek advice from the relevant state chamber of physicians in the state in which they will be working before commencement of their professional activities.

Please note:

It is considered desirable to ensure that the number of scholarship recipients is proportional to the number of other physicians conducting specialty training in each hospital department.