Process of nostrification and recognition of professional qualifications for general practitioners and medical specialists from third countries

Information on immigration to Austria can be obtained on [www.migration.gv.at/en](http://www.migration.gv.at/en). Multilingual information about settlement and access to the labour market: [www.migrant.at/sprache/english](http://www.migrant.at/sprache/english)

**Process:**

1. **Information und initial consultation**
   - Contact point (Anlaufstelle) for people who gained professional qualifications abroad [http://www.anlaufstelle-akrkennung.at/anlaufstellen](http://www.anlaufstelle-akrkennung.at/anlaufstellen)
   - Medical universities – Vienna, Graz or Innsbruck

2. **Preparation**
   - compilation of documents if necessary certified
   - certified translations need to be provided
   - clarify funding
   - German language courses (Exam certificate C1 necessary during recognition process) and courses in medical terminology

3. **Application for nostrification** at one of the three medical universities
   - nostrification tax € 150.00

4. **Preliminary proceedings**
   - comparison of curricula through university
   - participation at random sample test possible (four times a year, joint appointments for all universities) – sufficient knowledge of German is necessary

5. **Decision of nostrification**
   - supplementary exams
   - deadline to meet requirements
   - admission to non-degree program study
6. Taking the supplementary exams
- admission to non-degree program study (current tuition fees € 383.56 per semester)
- two compulsory exams for Viennese non-degree program students required

7. Decision of the Medical University about the equivalence with the Austrian university degree and granting the use of the Austrian academic degree

8. Application for entry into the Austrian List of Medical Doctors at the Austrian Medical Chamber in the federal state. Required documents amongst others:
   - taking the German language exam of the Austrian Medical Chamber at the Austrian Academy of medical doctors, examination fee € 906.00 (requirement: German C1-exam)
   - Criminal record Certificate and Certificate of good standing from country of origin

9. Recognition of foreign medical training periods
   - medical training and employment certificates required
   - jurisdiction of the Education Commission of the Austrian Medical Chamber
   - administration fee € 325.27
   - Decision on recognized modules

OR

10. Medical training
    - may be reduced through recognition of foreign medical training periods
    - the tenure is subject to the chosen professional training

11. Taking the exam as a General Practitioner or Medical Specialist
    (examination fee € 641.00 or € 1,170.00)

12. Obtaining the professional license as a General Practitioner or Medical Specialist
Notes to nostrification and recognition of professional qualifications for general practitioners from third countries:

The information provided is solely a portrayal of the nostrification and recognition regulations. Information regarding immigration can be found on www.migration.gv.at/en. The Red-White-Red – Card may only be granted upon completion of the recognition process.

1. Requirement: the successful completion of your studies in medicine from a third country must be equivalent with the Austrian medical degree.

2. Compilation of documents if available:
   - application form, diploma, transcript, thesis/academic work and abstracts, residence registration form, marriage certificate, passport, curriculum vitae and proof that the nostrification is urgently required for the exercise of the profession in Austria (confirmation of the Austrian Medical Chamber). Certified translations of the documents are necessary (in Vienna English is accepted). E.g. Arabic certified translations can amount up to € 600.00. The documents need to meet intergovernmental agreements according to legalization requirements (legalization fees should be taken into account).

   German language courses in preparation for the random sample test (German C1 exam is required during the recognition process); the attendance of medical terminology courses is recommended.

3. Only one application may be filed to one university.

4. The preliminary proceedings are a comparison of the curricula through the university.

   In most of the cases the random sample test must be taken. It is undertaken by the three medical universities four times a year whereby medical knowledge from ten clinical modules is tested. Good command of German is essential for the random sample test.

5. After completion of the preliminary proceedings and the random sample test the decision of the nostrification (additional supplementary exams) and a deadline will be enacted (in case of a negative ruling nostrification and recognition of professional qualifications are not possible at the chosen university).

6. Once the decision is positive one may enrol as a non-degree program student at the university. The tenure of the nostrification and recognition process will vary depending on the number of exams given (in Vienna there is a minimum of two exams: pharmacy and forensic medicine). The given deadline by the university is up to eight semesters, tuition fees are currently € 383.56 per semester.

7. Once all exams are completed the Medical University will give a decision about the equivalence with the Austrian university degree and grant the use of the Austrian academic degree.

8. Entry into the Austrian List of Medical doctors at the Austrian Medical Chamber in the federal state respectively: before requesting entry into the Austrian List of Medical doctors at the Austrian Medical Chamber the medical German language exam on C1 level at the Academy of Medical doctors needs to be taken (the language certificate C1 is a pre-requisite in order to undertake the medical German C1 exam) – examination fee € 906.00 (repeat exam fee: € 453.00).
9. Partial recognition of foreign medical training periods may be possible, others need to be retaken. The Education Commission of the Austrian Medical Chamber assesses how far the foreign medical training may be comparable to the medical training periods (through vocational documents, confirmation from hospitals where the applicant has worked as a general practitioner or medical specialist, etc.)

10. Medical training may be commenced in Austria without the recognition of your foreign medical training periods – longer waiting times are to be expected depending on the federal state.

11. Additionally all applicants need to take the exam as a General Practitioner or Medical Specialist. Examination fees € 641.00 or € 1,170.00.

Helpful links:
Nostrification – Medical University of Vienna:
https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/studies-further-education/nostrification/

Nostrification – Medical University of Innsbruck:
https://www.i-med.ac.at/studium/services/nostrifizierungsablauf.html - German only

Nostrification – Medical University of Graz:
https://www.medunigraz.at/humanmedizin/nostrifizierung/ - German only

Recognition of foreign medical training periods (with contact persons of the State Medical Chambers):
https://www.aerztekammer.at/ausbildung-im-ausland-anrechnung - German only

German language exam – Austrian Academy of Medical Doctors:
https://www.arztakademie.at/pruefungen/oeaek-sprachpruefung-deutsch/ - German only

Information and counselling:
Contact points (Anlaufstelle) for people who gained professional qualifications abroad
http://www.anlaufstelle-nerkennung.at/anlaufstellen

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