

## Validation of a Foreign Academic Degree or Final Diploma, Prerequisites, Legal Information

The Federal Ministry for Science and Research herewith gives the following information on the pre-requisites for an application for validation (*Nostrifizierung*):

1. The application for validation of a foreign academic degree or final diploma is, according to art. 90 para. 1 of the Universities Act 2002 – UG, BGBl. I No. 120/2002, and art. 6 paras. 6 and 7 of the Universities of Applied Sciences Act – FHG, BGBl. No. 340/1993, as amended, conditional on the provision of proof that validation is essential
  - a. for the exercise of the applicant’s profession or
  - b. for the continuation of his/her education in Austria.

Evidence of this has to be shown to the competent organ.

2. A validation is in any case essential in which the applicant aims at exercising a professional activity in Austria, the exercise of which is, due to a law or another regulation, bound to the possession of an Austrian academic degree (“regulated activity”, e.g. physician), or in which this is required in order to be admitted to a postgraduate educational programme (e.g. admission to the Psychotherapeutic Propädeutikum according to art.10 para. 1 subpara. 3 of the Psychotherapy Act, BGBl. No. 361/1990). A possible better classification with regard to salary does not grant a legitimation for the application for a validation proceeding.
3. On the other hand, in case of an aspired admission to a “regulated activity”, a validation is not essential if the admission can be granted on the basis of an EU directive (in particular the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications, 2005/36/EC).
4. A validation exclusively for the purpose of the use of the corresponding Austrian academic degree is not possible, too.