

Recognized degrees for the application for Jobseeker Visa, Red-White-Red Card and EU Blue Card

Diploma programmes (Diplomstudien) and programmes according to the Bologna structure from a recognized **university or university of applied science** are both eligible. Formal recognition (nostrification) of the foreign degree in Austria is not required.

The programmes must be of four years minimum duration (for **particularly highly qualified workers**) or of three years minimum duration (for **workers in shortage occupations** and other **key workers and applicants for an EU Blue Card**). The minimum duration of different programmes (e.g. completed according to the Bologna structure) can be accumulated, if the programme the applicant last graduated from is ranking higher and based on the prior programme (e.g. Bachelor's programme succeeded by Master's programme).

MINT-points (for particularly highly qualified workers as in annex A: mathematics, informatics, natural sciences, technology) are awarded in this case for the programme achieving the required four years minimum duration. For example, a three years Bachelor's programme in medicine (which is not a MINT subject) followed by a two year Master's programme in natural sciences (which is a MINT subject), can be awarded **30 points** as a university programme with four years minimum duration in a MINT subject according to annex A.

Habilitations, graduations from a university programme as **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**, or graduations with a **doctorate** are acknowledged with **40 points** according to annex A.

Any **claimed graduation** must be verified by submitting a certificate on the successful graduation from a programme of studies and the status of the university or other tertiary educational institution (the latter issued by the competent authority/the competent Ministry in the country of origin). A habilitation must be verified by submitting a document which certifies the postdoctoral lecture qualification (document assigning lecture authorization; *venia docendi* respectively *facultas docendi*).

More **information on recognized foreign university degrees and degrees from universities of applied science** is offered in German on the currently updated internet site <http://www.anabin.de/>.

The programmes are divided in a classification chart according to their respective standard duration. Degrees with the classification A3 are categorized as programmes with a typical standard duration of three years, degrees with the classification A4 are categorized as programmes with a typical standard duration of four years and degrees with the classification A5 are categorized as programmes with a typical standard duration of more

than four years. The classification D1 comprises degrees with the conferral of a doctoral degree and the classification D2 comprises habilitations. The status H+ or H- indicates whether the institution where the programme was completed is recognized as a university institution. Only programmes of universities and universities of applied sciences are recognized with the status H+. If the university or university of applied sciences has the status H+, no further confirmation by the competent authority in the country of origin on the status of the university or other tertiary educational institution is required. Postgraduate studies (class PGS) are not acknowledged for the RWR-Card as they are exceptional studies.

If the degree or the university is not contained in the anabin classification system or if there are other doubts regarding the acknowledgement of the programme, the national information centre for academic recognition (ENIC NARIC AUSTRIA) with the Federal Ministry for Science and Research may be addressed for an assessment of the degree. may be required.