

Anabin Verification Guide

A Step-by-Step Guide to Checking Your Degree Recognition in Germany

What is Anabin? Anabin (Anerkennung und Bewertung ausländischer Bildungsnachweise) is Germany's official database for evaluating foreign educational qualifications. It helps students, professionals, universities, employers, and visa authorities determine whether a foreign university and degree are recognised in Germany. The database is maintained by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB). ([anabin](#))

If you're applying to study, work, or obtain a visa for Germany, checking your qualifications in Anabin is often one of the first steps

Why is Anabin Important?

Many German universities and visa authorities require proof that:

- Your university is recognised in Germany.
- Your degree is comparable to a German qualification.
- Your educational background meets German academic standards.

A positive Anabin result can simplify university admissions, visa applications, and employment processes. ([Make it in Germany](#))

Before You Start

Keep the following information ready:

- University name
- Country where you studied
- Degree title (Bachelor's, Master's, etc.)
- Graduation year (optional)

Step 1: Check Your University

Search for your university in the Anabin database. Look for the university status

Status Meanings

H+

Your institution is officially recognised in Germany.

Good news! You can proceed to verify your degree.

H+/-

The institution has partial recognition.

Some courses or degrees may be recognised while others may require additional assessment.

H-

The institution is not recognised.

You may need an individual evaluation from ZAB before applying. ([Make it in Germany](#))

Step 2: Check Your Degree

After confirming your university, search for your academic qualification.
You should find one of these evaluations:

Entspricht

Equivalent to a German degree.

Gleichwertig

Comparable to a German degree.

Bedingt vergleichbar

Conditionally comparable.

Additional assessment or documentation may be required depending on your purpose (study, work, or visa). ([anabin](#))

Step 3: Save Your Results

If both your university and degree receive positive evaluations:

- Print the university result.
- Print the degree evaluation.
- Save both as PDFs.

These documents may be requested during visa or university applications. (Make it in Germany)

What If Your University or Degree Isn't Listed?

Don't panic.

The Anabin database is continuously updated, and not every recognised institution or qualification appears immediately.

In such cases, you can apply for a Statement of Comparability (Zeugnisbewertung) from the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB), which provides an official assessment of your foreign qualification. (Make it in Germany)

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Checking only your university
- Ignoring your degree evaluation
- Assuming H+ automatically guarantees degree recognition
- Uploading incomplete Anabin documents
- Waiting until visa application time to verify your qualification

Frequently Asked Questions

Is Anabin mandatory?

Many universities and visa authorities use Anabin as proof of qualification recognition. Requirements may vary depending on your programme or visa category. ([German Missions in India](#))

What if my university shows H+ but my degree isn't recognised?

You may need additional documentation or a Statement of Comparability from ZAB.

Is Anabin available in English?

No. The database itself is available only in German, although official guidance on using it is available in English. ([Make it in Germany](#))

Quick Checklist

University Verification

Search your university
Confirm status is H+
Save the university result

Degree Verification

Search your degree
Confirm Entspricht or Gleichwertig
Save the degree result

If Not Found

Apply for a ZAB Statement of Comparability
Keep copies of all submitted documents

Pro Tips

- **Always verify both your university and your degree—checking only one is not enough.**
- **Save PDF copies of your Anabin results immediately after verification.**
- **If your university is listed as H+/-, review the degree evaluation carefully, as additional assessment may be needed.**
- **Start the verification process early to avoid delays in university admissions or visa applications.**
- **If your qualification is missing from Anabin, begin the ZAB evaluation process as soon as possible, since processing can take time. ([Make it in Germany](#))**

Final Note: Anabin verification is a straightforward but important step in your Germany journey. By confirming both your university's recognition status and your degree's comparability, you can avoid unnecessary delays and strengthen your university, visa, or employment application. If your qualification isn't listed, a ZAB Statement of Comparability offers an official alternative recognised by German authorities. ([Make it in Germany](#))