

Information for foreign doctors



**Verbundkrankenhaus
Bernkastel / Wittlich**

Human Resources

Dear doctors

We are pleased that we have aroused your interest in our hospital **Verbundkrankenhaus Bernkastel / Wittlich**. Below you will find information about the entry possibilities with us as well as a guide about a work permit as a physician in Germany. You have different opportunities to work with us:

1. Visiting Physician program and clinical elective:

- You can complete your **clinical elective / medical traineeship (so-called Famulatur)** with us as well as a **visiting physician program**. In the case of a voluntary visiting physician period, you can individually arrange a period of between two weeks and two months. During that time, you will receive free meals and free accommodation in our staff dormitory. You do not need a language certificate for the clinical elective and the visiting physician program, however, a German language level of at least B2 would be desirable.
- You can get to know the entire process of inpatient therapy with us through the clinical elective or visiting physician program. Familiarize yourself with day-to-day work processes in our facility and gain insights into the German healthcare system. You will also gain insights via the ongoing team meetings and take part in these.
- Acceptance for clinical electives and visiting physician program is subject to qualification of the applicant and availability. All **contact persons** of our medical departments can be found on our homepage www.verbund-krankenhaus.de under the tab "Medicine and Care" → resp. medical department contact →.

You can apply too via the job board on our homepage www.verbund-krankenhaus.de

2. Direct entry: Of course, we do offer many opportunities to work as a **doctor** with us after successfully completing your medical studies. We will support you with the formalities. While you are waiting for all the important confirmations (license to practice medicine or professional permit), you can enjoy an early familiarization with us within the framework of a visiting physician program. In that period, you will receive a monthly "pocket money" of 200.00 euros. This familiarization period will introduce you to topics such as writing doctor's letters and conducting admission interviews. You will participate in team meetings. In the supervisions and ward-rounds you will be given assistance for your day-to-day work. We offer all foreign employees a professional and job-related German language-course once a week.

Documents for employment as a physician: Anyone wishing to work as a physician in Germany - after successfully completing medical training - requires a License to practice medicine **or** a (temporary) **professional license** in accordance with § 10 BÄO [German Federal Medical Practitioners Act]. The following distinctions should be considered:

EU citizens and citizens of the EEA	Citizens from third countries ("non-EU citizens")
Application for a license to practice medicine	Application for the (temporary) professional license . This is usually issued for 2 years. During this period, the licensure to practice medicine should be applied for.
Recognition of the medical specialist title with the District Medical Association Trier after successful application for licensure to practice medicine	Recognition of the medical specialist title with the District Medical Association Trier after successful application for the licensure to practice medicine.

IMPORTANT: You can only apply for license to practice medicine or professional license in one German federal state!

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Location	Government/Medical association
Bernkastel-Kues and Wittlich Further information on the licensure to practice medicine and professional authorization EEA + Switzerland + third countries	* State Office for Social Affairs, Youth and Supply in Koblenz: +49 261 4041-273 * District Medical Association Trier: +49 651 994759-0 https://lsjv.rlp.de/de/unsere-aufgaben/arbeit/akademische-heil-berufe/approbationen-und-berufserlaubnisse/
District Medical Association Trier	https://aerztekammer-trier.de/

- In addition, you have to pass a so-called **technical language exam**. The prerequisite for admission to that exam is general language knowledge and skills of language **level B2** according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFR).
The exam tests your technical language knowledge and skills in a job-specific context at language **level C1** according to the CEFR. You will find detailed information about the technical language exam on website: <https://aerztekammer-mainz.de/wbKenntnispruefung.php>
- Once you have received recognition of your **license to practice medicine**, it is valid indefinitely and throughout Germany. In our federal state Rhineland-Palatinate, a **professional license** is valid for 2 years.
- For all necessary documents, pls. check the links above. On these websites, you will find information and download options for forms, documents.

After approval of your license to practice medicine or professional permit, you should find out more about:

1. Work and residence permit: Doctors from the EU area require neither a work permit nor a residence permit. This has also applied to doctors from Romania and Bulgaria since 01.01.2014. For all others, there is now a simplified procedure, the so-called EU Blue Card.

2. Health insurance:

You will need health insurance for your employment. There are **two different health insurance systems in Germany** (statutory and private health insurance). You can find more information at: <http://www.krankenkassen.net/private-krankenversicherung/unterschied-pkv-gkv.html>

3. Pension insurance:

As soon as you start working as a doctor, you become a member of the Rhineland-Palatinate Medical Association, the Trier District Medical Association and the Trier Medical Pension Fund. Physicians each pay 50% of the pension insurance contribution (currently 18.6% of the gross monthly salary) into the physicians' pension scheme (a so-called occupational pension scheme). This means that 9.30% is automatically paid into the physicians' pension scheme. In order to ensure this automatic payment, an application for exemption must be submitted to the German Pension Insurance. You will find further information on this topic on the website of the Ärzteversorgung Trier: <http://www.ve-trier.de>

4. Income tax ID:

As soon as you found a residence and registered at the registration office at your local municipality, you will automatically receive an income tax ID by the tax authorities. You can find more details on the FAQ pages of the Federal Central Tax Office: http://www.bzst.de/DE/Steuern_National/Steuerliche_Identifikationsnummer/FAQ/02_Eigene_StIdNr/eigeneStIdNr_FAQ_node.html

For more information about our clinic, please visit: www.verbund-krankenhaus.de

We are looking forward, welcoming you in our medical team.