The BQ-Portal is an initiative of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy. It is the first comprehensive and public online information source on foreign professional and vocational qualifications.

- The BQ-Portal was launched in June 2011 and can be found online at: www.bq-portal.de and www.bq-portal.de/en
- The portal enables users to undertake a swift and consistent assessment of foreign professional and vocational qualifications.
- The aim is to strengthen acceptance of foreign professional qualifications – and in doing so to ensure the better integration of skilled professionals with a migrant background into the German labour market.

The BQ-Portal is an open platform and a continuously learning system

The portal consolidates all relevant information about foreign professional qualifications, vocational training systems and equivalence assessments. Experts in the assessment of professional qualifications work together with other academics to systematically generate relevant information.

The BQ-Portal facilitates transparency. It offers:

- Information about foreign professional and vocational qualifications, and vocational education and training systems - currently 92 country profiles with more than 3.520 professional profiles
- Valuable insights into the methods and processes of assessment
- Best practice examples, how-to guides and orientation for companies

Numerous users benefit from the BQ-Portal

- Competent authorities who assess foreign professional and vocational qualifications receive valuable information.
- Employers have a central source of information to better assess the foreign professional qualifications of potential employees.
- Individuals with foreign professional qualifications can find out whom to contact regarding the assessment of their qualifications.

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