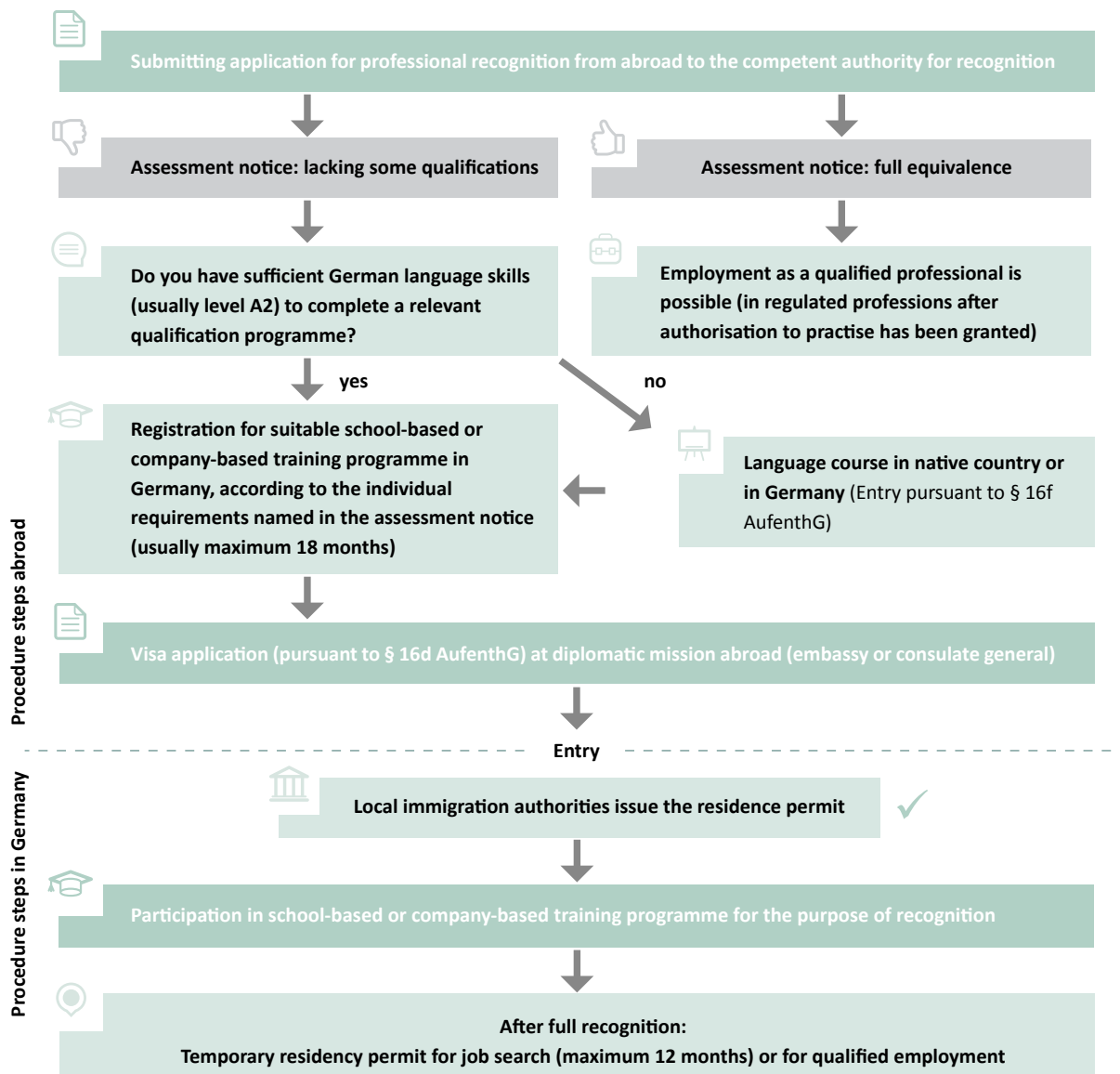


Visa for the purpose of recognition of foreign qualifications (pursuant to section 16d of the German Residence Act) – how does it work?

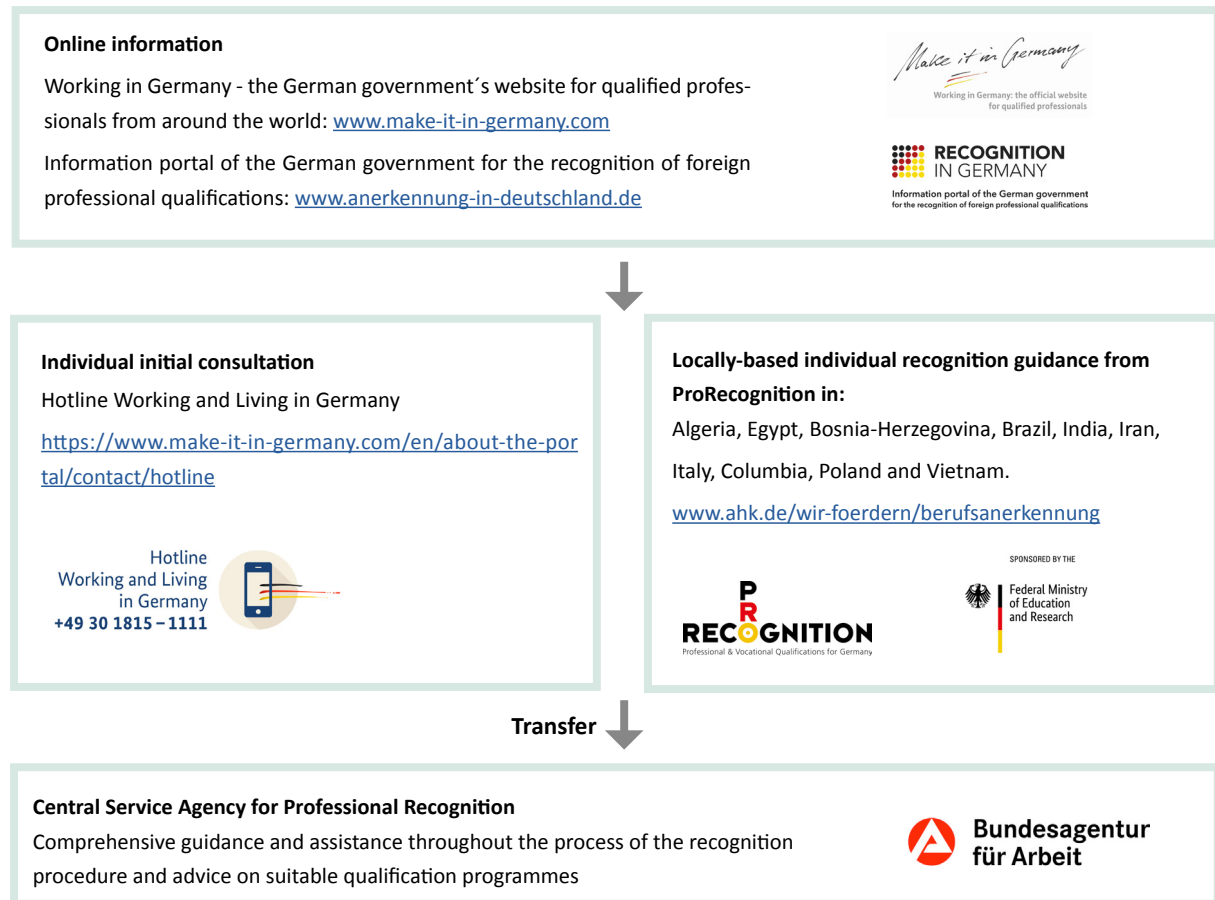
The recognition of your foreign qualifications (vocational education and training or higher education) is a way to be able to take on qualified employment in Germany. If the competent authority for the recognition procedure determines that you require further specialist knowledge, language skills or practical experience in order to achieve full recognition, you can obtain these qualifications in Germany. Section 16d of the German Residence Act (AufenthG) offers non-European professionals the possibility of acquiring a visa to enter Germany for this purpose

What does this involve?



How do I do this?

The procedure must be well planned and can last many months. You will receive free expert guidance and support. The overview lists the most important places for further information and personal advisory sessions for a more accurate assessment of your individual circumstances:



ProRecognition and the Central Service Agency for Professional Recognition work closely with regional expert advice centres of the [Network "Integration through Qualification \(IQ\)"](#) and other advice centres in Germany.

What financial support is available?

In addition to living costs in Germany, other costs will arise during the recognition procedure and training. If you have already found a concrete job offer, your employer may be able to support you. Various public funding possibilities also become available as soon as you live in Germany. An individual case evaluation alone can determine whether you are eligible for this. For more information contact the advice centres listed above or visit:

<https://www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/pro/fp-financial-support.php>

Please note: this is a simplified explanation of the entry process pursuant to § 16d AufenthG. For more information and an evaluation of your individual circumstances please contact the listed advice centres. Version: February 2020

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