**HOW TO BECOME A PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN GERMANY?**

There actually are three professional levels of training (professional college, Bachelor, Master) and after achieving each level you can work as a `psychomotrician´.

**Motopäden** (at a professional college - Fachschule)

Most of psychomotricians in Germany are Motopäden. Professionals, who want to get a Motopäde are generally required to have earned an undergraduate degree: for example teacher of gymnastics or physical education teacher, or in the field of social studies or health related studies. At least one year of professional work experience is required. The training is completed after these 4 years and 1 year of specialized training at a professional college. ([www.bam-ev.com](http://www.bam-ev.com))

**Motologen – Bachelor of Art** (since 2013 at University of applied science in Emden)

At the end of the specialized training at the professional college, Motopädie-Students earn 80 Cps (= 1800 h Workload). Meanwhile they have the opportunity to cooperate with the University of Emden and gain 10 Cps. When Motopädie-Students have achieved these 90 Cps they can get the BA Motologie in only 3 more semesters (together 180 Cps). ([www.hs-emden-leer.de](http://www.hs-emden-leer.de))

**Motologen – Master of Art** (since 1983 at University of Marburg)

Professionals seeking admission to the professional degree programme Motologie (4 semesters), must have an undergraduate degree with a major in education or behavioral science from other educational instiutions. The professional degree programme includes: sciences of motological movements and workout of body in a therapeutic and educational context, application of motologicial concepts in health promotion and health education, motologicial based consultation of organizations and scientific research tools and scientific methods. ([www.uni-marburg.de](http://www.uni-marburg.de))

### Additional Training

Different providers such as Aktionskreis Psychomotorik e.V. at Lemgo or Förderverein Psychomotorik e.V. at Bonn offer nationwide continuing education courses e.g. 200 hours course of additional psychomotor qualifications (for example: for teachers, kindergarten teachers or physiotherapists).

([www.psychomotorik.com](http://www.psychomotorik.com))

### Associations

* Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychomotorik („Umbrella organisation“):

National (German) Association of Psychmotoricity: [www.dgfpm.com](http://www.dgfpm.com);

The following Societies are members of the national association:

* Aktionskreis Psychomotorik e.V (AkP); [www.psychomotorik.com](http://www.psychomotorik.com);
* Deutscher Berufsverband der MotopädInnen/ MototherapeutInnen e.V.

[www.motopaedie-verband.de](http://www.motopaedie-verband.de); journal: Praxis der Psychomotorik

* Berufsverband der Motologen –Diplom /Master e.V. (BVDM)

[www.motologie.net](http://www.motologie.net); journal: motorik

* Wissenschaftliche Vereinigung für Psychomotorik und Motologie e.V., [www.wvpm.org](http://www.wvpm.org)
* Bundesverband der Ausbildungsstätten für staatlich anerkannte

Motopädinnen und Motopäden e.V. (BAM); [www.bam-ev.com](http://www.bam-ev.com);

* Several clubs offering psychomotoric intervention

**IS THE PROFESSION REGULATED/PROTECTED IN GERMANY?**

As Germany is organized into federal states, there is no nationwide regulation. But in the `Länder´ (federal states), training is regulated and protected.

For example: the most professional colleges are in [North](http://dict.leo.org/#/search=North&searchLoc=0&resultOrder=basic&multiwordShowSingle=on#/search=North&searchLoc=0&resultOrder=basic&multiwordShowSingle=on) [Rhine-Westphalia](http://dict.leo.org/#/search=Rhine-Westphalia&searchLoc=0&resultOrder=basic&multiwordShowSingle=on#/search=Rhine-Westphalia&searchLoc=0&resultOrder=basic&multiwordShowSingle=on) and the Motopäden are licensed by the state/ministry: “Staatlich anerkannte Motopädin/ Staatlich anerkannter Motopäde”

(<http://www.berufsbildung.schulministerium.nrw.de/cms/lehrplaene-und-richtlinien/fachschule/sozialwesen/>

**IF I AM NOT EDUCATED AS PSYCHOMOTRICIAN IN GERMANY, HOW CAN I WORK?**

One should get recognition of the foreign diploma – see point 2.

One could get the German Diploma itself, which is not easy:

An external examination of the profession `Motopäde´ is not possible (excluded in the regulations: § 18 Externenprüfung, APO-BK Anlage E - Fachschulen).

It is be possible, to study one more year at a German `Fachschule´ to get the German Diploma.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS TO DO IN GERMANY**

A request for recognition at the Ministry (MSW) and/or at the District council (Bezirksregierung) is automatically transferred to a central office: Administration of recognition of foreign diplomas in the field of education (ZAB).

At the meeting of the Association of Formation of Psychomotricians (Motopäden) BAM e.V. (18th of March 2015) we discussed a kind of certification of equivalence to give to employers (see attachment).

In the near future we intend to negociate a `Bilateral agreement´ in the European Forum of Psychomotricity between Germany and other countries of the EFP.

**CONTACTS / LINKS IN GERMANY**

**A. Ministry:**

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Fon: (0211) 5867-40 Fax: (0211) 5867-4555 und –3220

Website: [www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/bp/Ministerium/](http://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/docs/bp/Ministerium/)

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APO-BK Anlage E – Fachschulen, from page 41

<http://www.berufsbildung.nrw.de/cms/bildungsganguebergreifende-themen/apo-bk/>

**B. Administration of the `Land´ (District council - for example in NRW)**

Bezirksregierung des Landes NRW: Köln

Zeughausstraße 10, 50667 Köln  
Fon: 0221 1470

E-Mail; [poststelle@bezreg-koeln.nrw.de](mailto:poststelle@bezreg-koeln.nrw.de)

Website: [www.bezreg-koeln.nrw.de](http://www.bezreg-koeln.nrw.de)

# **C. Administration of Recognition**

Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB)  
im Sekretariat der Kultusministerkonferenz  
Graurheindorfer Str. 157, 53117 Bonn

Fon:  0228 501-352, -264, Fax: 0228 501-229

E-Mail: [zab@kmk.org](mailto:zab@kmk.org)

Website: [www.kmk.org/zab](http://www.kmk.org/zab)

**D. Association of formation of Psychomotricians (Motopäden)**

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