

INFORMATION FROM THE LABOUR INSPECTORATE

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CERTIFICATES, LICENCES OR PERMISSIONS FOR OPERATING FORK LIFTS AND CRANES



Since the Regulation on the documentation of skills (Fachkenntnisnachweis-Verordnung, FK-V), Federal Law Gazette II no. 13/2007, (Art. I) entered into force on 1 February 2007, the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection is no longer in charge of – pursuant to Section 113, Para. 3 of the Workers Protection Act (ArbeitnehmerInnenschutzgesetz, ASchG) – recognising certificates from other countries evidencing the skills required for operating fork lifts and cranes.

According to Section 12 of the FK-V, certificates from other countries or specialised professional experience abroad can **only be recognised** by **authorised training** institutions (Section 11 Para. 1 no. 2 and Section 14 of the FK-V), established as a body under public law, which issue recognition certificates.

These training institutions currently include:

- the Institutes for Economic Promotion (**Wirtschaftsförderungsinstitute, WIFIs of the Austrian Economic Chambers**) and
- the **Chamber of Labour of Upper Austria**.

NOTE

Certificates evidencing skills issued pursuant to former legal provisions or administrative decisions pursuant to Section 113 Para. 3 ASchG remain valid as evidence of qualification according to the FK-V (Section 16 Paragraphs 1 and 4 FK-V).

Certificates for completing a training or gaining professional experience in other countries are issued pursuant to Section 12 of the FK-V in accordance with EU Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications.

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