



Do you want to work as a counselor, social worker, psychologist or psychotherapist in Stuttgart?

It can be difficult to navigate your way through the different challenges, but it is possible.

You'll need to ensure:

- That your qualifications and what you title yourself are permitted and not protected, e.g. to call yourself a "psychologist" in Germany it is a protected term and you need to inform yourself and apply to the appropriate bodies. We do not want to give detailed advice which may not be correct at the time you contact us, or which may not apply to your qualifications.
- That you have a valid working status, either through EU citizenship, a military status which allows you to work, or another status which allows you to work. You need to check this thoroughly.
- You need to ensure you know what to do about income tax, paying into the social security system and so on, depending on your residency status and earnings. A tax advisor who knows the German system would help.

There is a market for English speaking professionals working outside the German health insurance system, as Stuttgart has a large international community.

You may find useful information here:

www.bdp-verband.org/psychologie/faq_recognition.html

<https://www.europsyche.org/contents/14283/germany>

http://www.jan-kaspers.de/articles/german_mental_health_nutshell_en.html

[www.expatica.com.de](http://www.expatica.com/de)

The Stuttgart Network meets every couple of months for mutual support, networking and resource sharing. You are welcome to come to a meeting once before deciding whether to join. The fees are currently €20 per year, which includes listing on our webpage.