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The 12-month roadmap to becoming a doctor *in Germany.*

The exact order it happens in — from zero German to your approbation.

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WHY THIS EXISTS

You don't need the whole map in your head. *Just the next step.*

I arrived in Germany as a foreign doctor with no German, no contacts, and no map. I figured it out the hard way — wasted money, lost months to paperwork nobody explained, and nearly gave up more than once.

There was no single page that just showed me the path. So I built one. This is it — the whole journey on a few pages.

Two years feel long. But they pass either way. The only question is where you're standing at the end of them.

The 3 things you need — *that's it.*

- 1 **B2 German** — a recognised B2 certificate. You can go from zero to B2 in about 5–6 months.
- 2 **Translated & notarised documents** — your diplomas and certificates, court-certified in Germany so the authorities accept them the first time.
- 3 **Two exams** — the **FSP** (medical-language exam) and, for non-EU graduates, the **KP** (medical-knowledge exam).

Everything below exists to get you through those three things, in order. Nothing you don't need.

YOUR 12-MONTH MAP

You only ever take *the next step*.

1

MONTHS 1–6

Language + documents

Start German at A1 and climb to B1. At the same time, begin gathering your documents.

2

MONTHS 6–8

B2 + application

Reach B2. Get your documents translated and notarised. File your approbation application — by post, not email — with proof of intention where the state requires it.

3

MONTHS 8–9

Pass the FSP

The medical-language exam: take a history from a patient, hand over to a colleague, write the report — all in German.

4

MONTHS 9–12

Work on a Berufserlaubnis

Start working in a hospital on a temporary licence while you prepare — earning, improving your German, seeing German clinical workflow first-hand.

5

MONTH 12+

Pass the KP → Approbation

The medical-knowledge exam (Internal Medicine + Surgery, oral). Pass it and you earn your full approbation — work anywhere in Germany.

EU/EFTA graduates often skip the KP — passing the FSP can lead to approbation directly.

START HERE

What to do *this week*.

You don't need to figure out all 12 months today. You need the first step.

- 1 **Start learning German today** — not tomorrow. A1, even 30 focused minutes a day.
- 2 **Make your document list** — note which papers you'll need to gather. They take time.
- 3 **Check your university on Anabin** — confirm your degree is recognised (status H+ or +).

Momentum beats motivation. Take the first small step and the rest follows.

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I had nobody to guide me. Luckily, you have me. — Dr Ganz