

GERMANY
(Introduced in 1994)

1. Legal basis			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Federal Lawyers Act</u> (<i>Bundesrechtsanwaltsordnung</i>; regular obligation for all lawyers) - entry into force: 1994 (§ 43 a VI) - <u>Rules for Specialist Lawyers</u> (<i>Fachanwaltsordnung</i>; additional requirements for specialist lawyers (<i>Fachanwalt</i>)) - entry into force: 1996 (§ 15) 		
2. Training			
2.1. Basic information			
	Extent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 hours annually (only for specialist lawyers) - Transmission of surplus not possible 	
	Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivated reasons (i.e. illness) - Exemptions granted by the local bar 	
2.2. Activities and methods			
Activities	Courses	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual time may be claimed - Max. hours: N/A
	Language courses	NO	
	Teaching	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual time may be claimed - Max. hours: N/A
	Writing/publishing	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual time may be claimed - Duty to publish annually or otherwise to attend or teach training programmes in the respective field of specialisation, § 15 para. 1 FAO - Max. hours: N/A
	Foreign training activities	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual time may be claimed - Max. hours: N/A
	Other	✓	Self-study.
Methods	Availability of e-methods	✓	Availability depends on the local Bars; usually e-methods with interaction possibilities do count if the possibility of interaction is guaranteed and constant attendance is proven, § 15 para. 2 FAO
2.3. Course providers			
	Bar/Law Society	✓	Training institutes of the German Bar Association and the German Federal Bar
	Accredited provider	NO	
	Other provider (free market providers)	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of providers: N/A - Prior application for a course accreditation: NO
3. Assessment of training activities			
	Training activities are assessed during the compliance procedure (please see below 4.1.) (e.g. for foreign training activities their content is assessed)		
4. Supervision			
4.1. Compliance procedure			
	Regular control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawyers have to submit certificates or any other appropriate document to the local Bar annually and without prior request, § 15 	

		para. 5 FAO.
	Random control	NO
4.2. Sanctions		
	Non-disciplinary	- Appeal to show the undertaken training to the local Bar
	Disciplinary	- Withdrawal of the accreditation as specialist lawyer (<i>Fachanwalt</i>)