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# Training of Feed Control Staff in Germany

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## Feed Control Capacity in Germany

- About 220 persons (on the basis of full-time jobs) work in the competent authorities and about 150 persons work in the official laboratories (25) in the feed sector .
- The qualification of the staff are fixed in a national

### **Regulation for the qualification of feed inspectors:**

- standards of education
- training courses in the field of feed legislation, animal nutrition, feed safety, feed hygiene, feed manufacturing, analysis and others
- practical training
- control and test procedures

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- In **theoretical and practical courses** the participants should be qualified for
  - Inspections and Sampling
  - Identification of risks and illegal use of substances
  - Evaluation of the impact from feed to human and animal health and the environment
  - Enforcement of measures preventing ,prosecute and eliminate infringements
  - Advise to avoid infringements
  - Explanation of the feed legislation to the consumers

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- In **10 weeks theoretical course** (one week per month) the participants should be educated in
  - Feed legislation and other relevant legislation
  - Feed sampling
  - Procedures of administration and relevant electronically programs
  - Penal law, criminal procedures etc.
  - Scientific basis for animal nutrition and feed production
  - Microbiology, parasitology and plant pest control
  - Analysis of feed
  - Feed hygiene and general hygiene rules
  - Good agriculture practice, and company self control including HACCP
  - Control of establishments and record keeping
  - Methods of counselling interviews

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- During the 10 weeks the participants write 5 exams.
  - After one year the participants finalise the training course with an theoretical and practical exam.
  - Further, the control staff have to participate at training courses, such as conferences, workshops or the annual meeting of control staff, for one week in two years.
  - All training measures have to be documented.
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- ➔ **Only such persons, who fulfil all the requirements are able to enforce the feed control in the establishments.**
  - ➔ **Feed business operators have the right to ask for the qualification documents**