



Information sheet: national visa

Work visa in the case of partial recognition of vocational training (Section 16d Residence Act)

Basic information

- Documents not in the English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- The visa must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency in Germany or the competent foreigners authority. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. 4 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.
- **Please do not staple the documents**

General information

If your vocational training has not been fully recognised by the competent German agency, you can apply for a visa to complete the necessary training in Germany and at the same time start to work. After completion and full recognition of your training, you can apply for permanent residence in Germany.

Please note that some university degrees from foreign universities are classified as vocational training in Germany.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.

**Visa application checklist**

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application also in the case of persons travelling together (e.g. spouses or children).

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One (1) fully completed and signed application https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt including declaration pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act	
One (1) recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)	
Valid passport (personally signed and with at least two (2) completely empty pages)	
One (1) uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport	
Completed form signed by your employer: Declaration of employment with Supplement A (original and one (1) copy)	
Notification by the German agency responsible for recognition of vocational qualifications on the need for adjustment or compensatory measures to establish the equivalence of the vocational qualification or to issue a work permit (original and one (1) copy) More information on recognition: www.erkennung-in-deutschland.de	
If stated in the deficit notification: registration for theoretical courses, in-company training measures (with further training plan) or exam preparation courses (original and one (1) copy)	
If stated in the deficit notification: registration for assessment text and where applicable registration for preparatory course for the assessment test (original and one (1) copy)	
If a German language course is planned as part of training: registration confirmation from the language school indicating the number of hours per week of the booked course (intensive course with at least 18 hours per week) and confirmation of payment of the course fee (original and one (1) copy)	
Proof of qualification, for example, diplomas, certificates and proof of completion (original and one (1) copy)	
Proof of German language skills (original and one (1) copy) (As a rule at least A2, in the care and health sector at least B1) The certificate must be dated within the last 12 months.	
Proof of adequate health insurance cover If as an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and enter into employment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to employment beginning and prior to being eligible for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.	
Proof of adequate financial means <u>Financing</u> To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal at least € 992 net per month . Proof of these means is to be provided in advance when the application is submitted. If a salary will not be received directly after entering Germany or if the salary is less than 1091 € net per month, provision of the monthly shortfall of funds must be proven separately, for example, in the form of a blocked account. <u>In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account:</u> Open the blocked account in good time BEFORE you apply for a visa. When applying for a visa, only the official	



	confirmation of the opening of the account including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted. A confirmation which does not include this information is not sufficient . Proof of lodgement or transfer of funds without the aforementioned confirmation from the bank is not sufficient .	
Applicant of a nationality other than South African		
	Proof of residence title/habitual abode by South Africa	
Fee		
	Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Rand.	
Completeness of application		
The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.		
Declaration when applications are not complete: I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.		
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