



Botschaft
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Kopenhagen

Visa for skilled workers seeking employment (§ 20 AufenthG)

The visa for seeking employment enables interested foreign skilled workers with vocational training or holding a university degree recognised in Germany to come to Germany for a maximum of six months to find a job that their qualification enables them to perform. If you find an employer within half a year, you do not need to leave again but can apply for the necessary residence permit from the foreigners authority responsible for you in Germany. During your stay to seek employment, you are not allowed to take up gainful employment with the exception of work on a trial basis for up to 10 hours per week.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany here:

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.de>

Required documents:

Please make sure to prepare 2 complete sets of the following documents (collated in the order as listed below) and bring them along for your appointment.

- 2 filled and signed application forms incl. declaration acc. 54 AufenthG
- Valid passport, providing a minimum of 2 blank pages + 2 copies of the passport's data page
- 2 Passport sized photos – no older than 6 months, must meet biometric standards
- Danish residence permit (card) -original + 2 copies (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or bopælsattest (not older than 2 months) – original + 2 copies
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form indicating professional experience to date with one (1) extra copy
- Letter of motivation for seeking employment with one (1) copy. From the information supplied, it must be recognisable what fields of work and jobs interest you, where you want to apply and what accommodation you will use.
- Proof of **recognition of foreign qualification:**

In the case of skilled workers with **vocational training:**

- **Notification of recognition of foreign vocational training:** Written notification of the agency in Germany responsible for recognition of vocational training (original and two (2) copies)
 - Proof of German language skills at B1 level in the form of a recognised language diploma (original and two (2) copies)

In the case of skilled workers holding a **university degree:**

- Two (2) **printouts from the [anabin database](#)** on the qualification and on the institution

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or (if the qualification is not assessed as “entspricht” (comparable) or “gleichwertig” (equivalent) and/or the institution is not classified as “H+”)

- **Statement of Comparability** by the [Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](#) (original with two (2) copies)

or (in the case of regulated professions in which permission is required to exercise the profession, for example, doctors, engineers; complete list is available from the [Federal Employment Agency](#) or the [European Commission](#))

- **Permission to exercise a profession** issued by the authority responsible for recognising qualifications or assurance of permission to exercise a profession (original and two (2) copies) (for example, for medical professions: decision of the licensing authority in the federal territory, i.e. assurance of permission to exercise a profession and/or issuing of medical licence)

More information on recognition: www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de

- **Proof of qualification** (original and two (2) copies): University degree (all pages) with certified German translation. Diplomas issued in English do not need to be translated into German.
- **Proof of adequate financial means**
- **Financing**
- To stay in Germany, each individual applicant must have at their disposal at least 947 € per month (2021). Proof of these means (blocked account or a formal undertaking by a third person to cover all costs) is to be provided in advance when the application is submitted. When submitting an application, financial means totalling at least 5682 € and additional funding to finance departure from Germany where applicable must be proven.
- In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account: 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.
- In the case of an undertaking by a third person to cover all costs: Proof in the form of a formal undertaking pursuant to Sections 66 and 68 Residence Act in which a third person residing in Germany undertakes in writing to cover all costs (original and two (2) copies).
- **Health insurance** in line with EU standards (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 €, valid from the day of entry for the entire stay; proof to be provided at the latest when collecting the visa!

Fees:

75 €, payable either by Visa/Mastercard or in cash in DKK (approximately 560 DKK, depending on the exchange rate)

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Additional information:

Once all required documents have been submitted, the application and supporting documents will be forwarded to the appropriate Aliens Authority (Ausländerbehörde) at the applicant's intended place of residence during his/her stay in Germany. The processing can take about 2 – 6 weeks. As soon as the application has been approved by the German authority, the Embassy will issue a national visa.

Please ensure that your application documents are complete! Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.

This information is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.