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Visa for skilled workers holding an academic degree (Section 18b Residence Act) - with family

(family members please follow instructions for family reunification)

As a skilled worker with an academic qualification recognized in Germany, you will be issued a residence permit to engage in skilled employment. You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Required documents: Please make sure to prepare a complete set of the following documents (collated in the order as listed below with a legible, unstapled copy in DinA4 format) to submit during your appointment:

- fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- 1 recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport with at least two completely empty pages
- 1 uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
- Danish residence permit (card) – original + 1 copy (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or bopælsattest (not older than 2 months) – original + 1 copy
- Completed form signed by your employer: [Declaration of employment](#) (in German)
- In some cases: Job description from your employer
- From the age of 45: Proof of adequate provision for old age – original + 1 copy - only if salary does not amount to at least 55% of the annual contribution assessment ceiling for the general pension insurance scheme –2024: 49.830,- € gross/per annum
- Proof of qualification: University qualification incl. transcript of grades/mark sheets (all pages), with certified German translation, if not in English. In addition, the document may have to be legalized/authenticated (legalization/Hague Apostille) by the German mission in or the competent office of the issuing country. You can find more information on this on the website of the competent German mission in the country where the document was issued. – original + 1 copy

Proof of **recognition of the qualification**:

→ **printout from the [anabin database](#)** on the qualification and on the institution

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 1 copy)

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 1 copy) (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)

You can ask for guidance at the [Service Center for Professional Recognition](#) and find more information on recognition: www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de

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.

Fees:

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

Important information:

Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

The embassy reserves the right to request further documents. Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization.

Once all required documents have been submitted, the application and supporting documents will be forwarded to the competent German authorities at the applicant’s intended place of residence and employment during his/her stay in Germany. **The processing time** is as a rule ca. 4 – 8 weeks, but can take longer in individual cases.

Please do not contact the embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.

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