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“Vander Elst” – Visa

Visas for third-country nationals to provide temporary service in Germany (“Vander Elst” visas § 19c Abs. 1 AufenthG i.V. mit § 21 BeschV).

Under EU rules on the freedom to provide services, companies established in one EU Member State may post third-country nationals to another EU Member State to provide service for a limited period of time, without requiring a work permit or other employment permit. (so-called active freedom to provide services).

Internal postings, i.e. temporary assignments at a branch of the company in Germany, are generally not covered by this.

A “Vander Elst” Visa will be issued, which explicitly entitles you to the corresponding employment in Germany for the duration of the service provision.

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:

- 1 fully completed and signed application including declaration pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- 1 recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport with at least two completely empty pages
- 1 uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
- Danish residence permit (card) with sufficient validity to return to Denmark after providing the service in Germany - 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
- Confirmation from the employer including information on:
 - Confirmation of proper employment of the applicant
 - Estimated start and end of the assignment in Germany
 - Place of stay in Germany
 - Brief description of the service to be provided by employee.
- Proof of sufficient health insurance coverage in Germany for the duration of the posting.

Fees:

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

Important information:

Please arrive punctually at the beginning of your appointment with the completed applications and the documents specified in the leaflet, otherwise your application cannot be accepted and you will have to book a new appointment.

Each visa application is an individual case. The documents to be submitted may therefore vary from case to case differ from each other. It is possible at any time that additional documents may have to be requested during the visa process.

The standard processing time is approx. 2 - 4 weeks, in individual cases longer.

Applicants will be contacted promptly by the embassy about new developments in their procedure. It is therefore advisable to refrain from inquiries into the status quo.

*All data contained herein are based on the knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time of drafting this information sheet.
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