



## Visa for skilled workers holding a university degree

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As a skilled worker with an academic qualification recognised in Germany, you can be issued with a residence permit to engage in skilled employment that your qualification enables you to perform. You can find more about living and working in Germany at [www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com).

Applications can be submitted in person, with prior [appointment](#) and the following application documents:

- Personally signed **passport** (original with one copy of the passport data page), with at least two completely empty pages and sufficient validity
- Valid **Swiss residence** permit with one copy
- **Application form** fully completed: [application form](#) and signed information pursuant section 82 (1) residence act
- One passport sized **photo** – no older than three months, according to biometric standards
- **Employer's declaration** ("[declaration of employment](#)") to be completed by your employer in Germany with one copy
- **Work contract** original with one copy and **job description**
- Original **German university degree** or **recognized foreign university** degree with one copy and printouts from [Anabin data base](#) - the qualification and academic institution need to be listed as equivalent or comparable and the university need to be rated with H+  
or  
Statement of comparability for foreign higher education qualifications, issued by the central office for foreign education ([ZAB](#)) in original with one copy
- Detailed **curriculum vitae** in German or English language
- Postage expenses of 7 Swiss Francs
- Visa fee of 75 Euro payable by cash in Swiss Francs, by Visa or MasterCard (information [here](#))

Please prepare the originals with **one set** of copies of all the indicated documents. Original documents will be return to you while a copy per set will be required. Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

The German Embassy Bern reserve the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the processing of your application.

In this visa category, most applications are typically processed within 5 weeks. 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 department and cannot be answered. We will contact you by email as soon as the decision has been made.

The visa will be valid for 12 month and allows you to start working. You can travel in the entire Schengen area for 90 days per half year.

**Please note:** Although the information in this information sheet has been prepared with utmost care, we cannot accept any responsibility for inaccuracies contained herein.