



Visa for skilled workers with vocational training qualification

Last update: January 2024

As a skilled worker with vocational training qualification, you can be issued with a residence permit to engage in skilled employment that your qualification enables you to perform. Please note that some university degrees from foreign universities are classified as vocational training qualifications in Germany. You can find more about living and working in Germany at 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
- Original **work contract** and **job description** with one copy
- Proof of **qualification**, for example, diplomas, certificates, work log with translation and proof of completion with one copy
- **Notification of recognition of foreign vocational training** (original with one copy): written notification of the agency responsible for recognition of vocations in Germany **or** (in the case of regulated professions in which permission is required to exercise the profession, for example, in the care sector; 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 (for example, for medical professions). More Information on recognition: www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de
- From the age of 45: **proof of adequate provision for old age** (only if salary does not amount to at least 55% of the annual contribution assessment ceiling for the general pension insurance scheme)
- 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 returned 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 reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the processing of your application.



Botschaft
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Bern

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.