



Visa for taking up employment with work experience

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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.

The application is only possible online through the Consular Services Portal. Your application will then be checked for completeness. Communication regarding any additional information needed will be done directly through the Consular Services Portal. An appointment can only be booked afterwards.

Apply now online [here](#) and upload the following documents:

- Personally signed **passport**, with at least two completely empty pages and sufficient validity
- Valid **Swiss residence** permit
- **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
- Original **work contract** and **job description**
- Proof of **qualification**, for example, diplomas, certificates, work log with translation and proof of completion
- 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](#))

Appointment scheduling for the blue card is possible after your documents have been reviewed. You will then receive a link for booking an appointment. The application can only be submitted in person at your previously booked appointment at the visa section of the embassy (Willadingweg 78, 3006 Bern).

At your appointment, please present all original documents and your [biometric photos](#).

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.



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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.