



Information sheet: national visa

Visa for skilled workers seeking employment (Section 20 Residence Act)

Basic information

- Documents not in the German or English must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport and Dutch residence permit are, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization. Please make sure that documents includes the Apostille / Legalization before the appointment.
- The German consulate reserves the right to request further documents if it is needed for your application.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **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 section and can thus not be answered.
- A visa for seeking employment is valid for maximal 6 months.

General information

Prepare the documents in three sets. The original and two copies are divided as following:

- Set 1: original documents.
- Set 2: first copy of the required documents.
- Set 3: second copy of the required documents.



This means, your documents are separated into 3 different sets. Please do **not** use stickers, sheets or staples between the documents. If a document exist of more than one page, please use a paperclip to put the papers together.

If you have a non-German university certificate, your degree needs to be recognized. For the recognition of qualification, you need to find your degree and university in [the Anabin database](#). First, find your degree under *Hochschulabshlüsse* and print two copies. Second, you have to find your university under *Institutionen* and make two copies.

When your degree or university is not in Anabin, you have to apply for a statement of comparability at the [Central Office for Foreign Education](#) (ZAB).

There exist regulated professions (*reglementierte Berufe*). Regulated professions are professions in which the activities are legally protected. You only can start this profession if you have an authorization. Please find all information on the [website of the Bundesagentur für Arbeit](#).



Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application, in the same order of this checklist.

- Two (2) fully [completed and signed application forms](#) including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act.
- Two (2) recent **biometrical passport** photos. See [this page](#) for the right format. Do not glue the photos.
- Valid passport** with at least two empty pages.
- Two **copies of the information page of your passport**. The information page is the page with your name and birthday.
- Residence permit of the Netherlands**. This is usually a plastic card in credit card format. Please take the original and two copies.
- Proof of qualification**. Original university degrees plus two copies.
- Recognition of qualification**. See the Anabin/ZAB explanation under General Information two copies.
 - 1) Anabin (two copies), or
 - 2) ZAB recognition.If applicable, permission for the regulated professions.
- Letter of motivation** for the planned staying. You need to explain at least in which industry you are searching, which kind of jobs you are interested in, where do you intend to apply and your planned accommodation. Two copies.
- Resume / CV**. At least your previous work, your degrees und your competence. Two copies.
- Proof of adequate financial means**. Every applicant needs to demonstrate 1027 Euros a month (so 6162 Euros for 6 months). Proof of these means (blocked account, declaration of commitment or demonstrating of own funds) must be prepared before the appointment. Two copies.

In case of a Blocked Account, open the Blocked Account in good time before the appointment. When applying for a visa, only the official confirmation of the opening of the account including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted.

In case of a declaration of commitment, it must be an declaration to Sections 66 and 68 of the residence act which clearly express information about the person who is committing your finance.
- Proof of adequate **German health insurance**. Your Dutch health insurance will not be valid from the day you have your permanent residence in Germany. You have to be accepted by a German health insurance company. Your employer could help you. Two copies.

Application fee

Application fee of €75. Preferable paying in cash.