



Information sheet: national visa

Visa for skilled workers holding a university degree (Section 18b (1) Residence Act)

Basic information

- Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- The German consulate reserves the right to request further documents
- 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.

General information

You need two copies from all required documents. From some documents, you need to take the original. Please prepare 3 sets 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 foreign 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 *Hochschulabhlüsse* 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 for skilled workers holding a university degree.

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. Two copies.
- Residence permit of the Netherlands**. This is usually a plastic card in credit card format. Please take the original and two copies.
- Declaration of Employment** filled out by the employer. An empty form of this declaration can be found on the website of the [Bundesagentur für Arbeit](#). Two copies.
- Proof of qualifications**; university certificates inclusive supplements. Original certificates plus two copies.
- Recognition of qualification**;
1) if your university and degree are in [Anabin](#), take two prints take two prints of university recognition and two prints of the degree recognition. Or;
2) if your university of degree is not in Anabin; Statement of Comparability by the Central [Office for Foreign Education](#) (ZAB) – two print outs.

When your profession is a regulated profession, you have to demonstrate the authorization to be allowed to do the profession. Two copies.
- From the age of 45: **Proof of adequate provision for old age** (original and two (2) copies (only if salary does not amount to at least 55% of the annual contribution assessment ceiling for the general pension insurance scheme – 2022: 46,530 € gross/per annum))
- 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.



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