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Information sheet: national visa

Specialty chef

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. Your
 original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- 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.

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.



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The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application, in the same order of this checklist.	
	Two (2) fully <u>completed and signed application forms</u> including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act.
	Two (2) recent biometrical passport photos. Please see <u>this page</u> for the right format. Do not glue the photo.
	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.
	Declaration of Employment. The Declaration of employment must be filled out and signed by the
	employer. The declaration of Employment can be found on our website or the <u>website</u> of the
	Bundesagentur für Arbeit. Original plus two copies.
	Description of the specialty restaurant in Germany. Two copies.
	Menu of the specialty restaurant in Germany. Two copies.
	Complete Curriculum vitae in table form in German. Two copies.
	Proof of completion of foreign vocational training (with a duration of at least 2 years) at a recognised training institute. Notification from the agency responsible for recognition in Germany is not necessary. Original plus two copies.
	Proof of at least two years of practical work as a chef in qualified places of work following vocational training. If no training is possible in your country of origin than at least six years of work as a chef in qualified places of work in the country of origin including the full name and current phone number telephone number of the employer as well as a commercial register/business licence is required. Two copies.
	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.