

Visa for skilled workers holding a university degree or vocational training qualification

Important Information:

- Documents that are not in German must be submitted with a certified German translation. Exceptions: Documents in English, passports and Dutch residence permits
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original. In some cases, an apostille/legalisation is required. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed. You can find additional information here: [International recognition/Legalisation of documents](#)
- Please submit the original documents plus one additional copy per document. Please prepare two sets:
 - Set 1: original documents (if required)
 - Set 2: copy of all required documents
- The Consulate General reserves the right to request additional documents.
- Visa applications with complete documentation have the best chance of success. Incomplete applications can be rejected with reference to your obligation to cooperate in accordance with Section 82 of the Residence Act.
- Expect a processing time of several weeks. The Consulate General cannot decide on your visa application without the feedback of the internal German authorities involved in the procedure. It further cannot influence the processing times in Germany. As a result, requests for information on the process of the application cannot be answered.
- You can find additional information under www.make-it-in-germany.com

Checklist

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Please bring the following documents to the appointment at the Consulate General. Bring originals plus one copy per document. Print copies one-sided, not back-to back, do not staple. If documents contain more than one page, please use paper clips to keep the document together.

- fully completed and personally signed [Videx application form](#)
- personally signed [declaration pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act](#)
- one recent **biometric passport photo**, according to this [format](#). Please add it to set 1; do not attach it
- valid original passport**, with at least 2 completely blank pages. The 2 blank pages must be next to each other. Copy of the passport data page as well as any pages containing data, visas or stamps
- valid Dutch residence permit**
- completed declaration of employment** signed by your employer. A blank version of the declaration can be found on the [homepage of the Federal Employment Agency](#)
- from the age of 45: Proof of adequate provision for old age (only if salary does not amount to at least 53,130 EUR (2025) gross/per annum)
- proof of your qualification as applicable:**
 - Foreign university degree plus evidence of equivalence with a German degree. Either submit (i) extracts from the 'anabin' database (www.anabin.kmk.org) for both university and degree. The university must be rated as 'H+', your degree as 'gleichwertig' or 'entspricht' or (ii) a statement of comparability from the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB);
 - proof of completed vocational training (certificates, diplomas) and proof of the (full) equivalence of the training (www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de);
 - If you want to work in a regulated profession (e.g. in healthcare): License or approbation or professional practice permit or assurance of professional practice permit
- proof of sufficient German health insurance.** Your Dutch health insurance will no longer be valid the day you take up residence in Germany. You must, therefore, submit a German health insurance.
- visa fee**, 75 EUR in cash or by credit card (Mastercard or Visa only); to be paid during the appointment