

## Speciality Chef

### 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 copy per document. Please prepare two separate sets of documents:
  - 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 processing times of several weeks. The Consulate General cannot decide on your visa application without feedback of the internal German authorities involved in the procedure. It further cannot influence processing times in Germany. As a result, requests for information on the status of the application cannot be answered.
- You can find additional information under [www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://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 sample of the declaration can be found on the homepage of the Federal Employment Agency
- Description and menu of the restaurant in Germany
- curriculum vitae** with information on your previous professional career in German or English
- Proof of completed, recognized foreign vocational training of a min. duration of 2 years. A separate notification on recognition of the competent German authority is not necessary
- Proof of**
  - at least **two years of work experience as a chef in qualified establishments after vocational training** or
  - if no vocational training is possible in the country of origin: At least **six years of work experience as a chef in qualified establishments** in the country of origin. Indicate the full name of the establishment, the employer's current telephone number and an extract from the commercial register or business license.
- Proof of sufficient German health insurance**. Your Dutch health insurance is no longer valid from 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