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National visa for professional drivers

1. General Information

As a professional driver:

- You must possess the necessary EU or EEA driving licence of class C1, C1E, C, CE, D1, D1E or DE and
- You must be able to provide evidence of your (accelerated) EU or EEA initial qualification to drive certain vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers.

Please note that your visa application must be made in person and will be accepted only if all required documents are submitted according to our regulations.

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by 1 copy. Printout of a PDF file is not considered original. Physical document with the original signatures of both parties and/or electronically signed document with certification are considered originals.

Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German or English.

Your original documents (certificates, diplomas, etc.) and passport will be checked and returned to you.

Appointments can be booked online free of charge: www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

General information on labor immigration is available here: www.make-it-in-germany.com

2. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is € 75,00. This amount has to be paid in in cash or via credit card. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of the application or up-on denial is not possible.

3. Process

Processing visa usually takes some weeks. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy. Visa applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their application.

4. Required documents

Please sort the documents according to the following order:

- 1 filled-in and signed visa application form:
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- 1 recent passport photo (45x35 mm)
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed at least 6 months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago), + 1 copy of **all pages with records**
- your Estonian residence permit or visa, held for at least 3 months at the time of application and for additional 2 months after your entry to Germany, + 1 copy
- your current resident registration card/document from Estonian authority
- Your Curriculum Vitae
- additional form of employment declaration “Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis”, filled-in and signed by your employer, original + 1 copy:
https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/themen/migration/feg-anwendungshinweise-anlagen/anlage4.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=9
and additional sheet C, original + 1 copy:
<https://web.arbeitsagentur.de/portal/metasuche/suche/information?volltext=zusatzblatt%20c>
- Employment agreement with a German company, + 1 copy
- Registration for the qualification measure according to BKrFQG
- registration will usually be provided by your future employer
- Excerpt from the commercial register of the company based in Germany
- If available, the pre-approval of the Federal Employment Agency, which your employer applied for (Vorabzustimmung)
- Proof of health insurance; minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro
- If you are older than 45 years of age, a minimum gross salary of 4.152,50 EUR (in 2024), respectively a proof of adequate retirement arrangement has to be proven.

Please ensure that your application documents are complete. **Incomplete and unsorted applications may result in rejection of the visa application.**

Additional information:

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/visa-residence/types/other/professional-drivers>

**In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.
This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.**