

Job-seeking visa for university graduates

1. General information

This visa allows university graduates from countries outside the EU to seek an employment in Germany for up to six months. It supports the objective to secure an employment according to their qualifications.

General information on labour immigration for academics is available on www.make-it-in-germany.com

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.

Appointments can be booked online (free of charge) here www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by two copies. Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German.

2. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is € 75,00. This amount has to be paid 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 one week. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their application.

In case you sign an employment contract while lawfully staying in Germany, you can apply for a residence and work permit directly at the local immigration office (Ausländerbehörde). This process does not require you to leave and re-enter Germany.

4. Required documents

- 2** application forms (and declaration in accordance with section 54 (2) No. 8 i.V.m. § 53 of the Residence Act) <https://tallinn.diplo.de/>
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed your stay by at least six months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago) (original + 2 copies of all pages with records)
- 2** recent passport photographs (45X35mm)
- Estonian residence permit, held for at least 3 month at the time of application (original + two copies)
- Curriculum vitae of professional career, specifying the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained (original + one copy)
- German university degree or recognised foreign degree comparable to a German degree -original + two copies-
 - ➔ You can check whether your foreign university degree is recognized or comparable by consulting the ANABIN database: <http://anabin.kmk.org/>
A printout from this website has to be submitted upon application. For more information about the recognition of foreign professional qualifications, please visit: www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de
- Letter of motivation providing information on the planned course of action to secure a job (sector, region, intended place of residence/accommodation etc.) (original + one copy)
- If possible, proof of your job-seeking preparations
- Proof of sufficient funds for the stay, i.e. via formal assurance of coverage according to § 66-68 Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Residence Act), in which a third party agrees to pay for your expenses in Germany. Immigration offices and registry offices in Germany provide the necessary forms.

Alternatively, you can open a German blocked account with a deposit of at 5.682,00 Euro and a maximum withdrawal of 947,00 Euro per month
- Health insurance for Germany during your entire stay (minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro)

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

In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.

This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.