

Professional drivers

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.) will be checked and returned to you.

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

Additional information:

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

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.

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.

Required documents

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

All documents need to be provided as an original + 1 copy. 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>

- 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
- your current **resident registration certificate from Estonian population register**
- 1 recent **passport photo** (45x35mm)
- your **Curriculum Vitae** with summary of all previous activities, trainings and qualifications
- **employment agreement** with a German company, + 1 copy
- **additional form of employment declaration “Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis”**, filled-in and signed by your employer, original + 1 copy:
https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/datei/erklaerung-zum-beschaefigungsverhaeltnis_ba047549.pdf
and additional sheet C, original + 1 copy:
<https://web.arbeitsagentur.de/portal/metasuche/suche/information?volltext=zusatzblatt%20c>
- **registration for the qualification measure** according to BKrFQG 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** (Vorabzustimmung), which your employer has applied for
- **proof of housing** in Germany with full address (e.g. rental contract, hotel booking, invitation letter)
- proof of **health insurance**; minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro
- **if you are older than 45 years of age, a minimum gross salary of 53.130,00 EUR (in 2025), respectively a proof of adequate retirement arrangement has to be proven.**

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