

Work visa

All persons who plan to seek gainful employment in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a national (German) visa. This will include a work permit.

It does also entitle you to enter the other Schengen countries for a stay up to 90 days as a tourist.

The processing of visa applications for permanent stays takes up to 12 weeks.

As soon as the application with the required documents is complete, it will be forwarded to the local foreigners' office in Germany.

After approval of the application, the German Embassy issues a residence permit in the form of a visa for the first 90 days. A final residence permit is issued in Germany by the Foreigners Authority. Therefore, <u>all</u> holders of residence permits must register upon their first arrival.

- Please present the following documents as originals.
- Prepare two identical application sets in the given order, using copies of the original documents.
 (We don't keep any original documents.)

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	Valid passport (issued within the last ten years - valid for at least six months after arriving in Germany - with at least two empty pages)
	Application form (fully completed - handwritten signed including declaration Section 54 (2) 8)
	Two Passport size pictures (not older than three months - a bright background - frontal view of the face)
	Copy of data pages of your passport
	Norwegian residence permit
	Employment contract or letter of intent from your future employer in Germany, including: details about salary - working hours - address of the employer
	Detailed job description from your future employer
	University degree, AND if applicable: official translation into German or English
	If available: consent letter from "Bundesagentur für Arbeit" , (to be obtained by your German employer in advance)
	Proof of language skills, in the workplace language at your German employer
	Visa fee 75,00 € to be paid by VISA or MasterCard only
	Proof of housing with full address (e.g. renting contract, hotel reservation)
To be provided after the approval of the visa:	
	Proof of travel health insurance

- Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the process.
- Submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.
- Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.