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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 here:
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.
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

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

Please make sure that you provide a complete application form and all additional documents required. Incomplete applications will not be considered!
Please sort the documents according in 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**

☐ 1 recent passport photo (45x35mm)

☐ 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

☐ Curriculum Vitae of your professional career, specifying the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained

☐ German university degree or recognised foreign degree comparable to a German degree, original + 1 copy
 ➔ 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.

☐ If possible, proof of your job-seeking preparations (invitations to job interviews, job applications etc.)

☐ Proof of sufficient funds for the stay:
 ➔ blocked bank account with a minimum deposit of 6.162,00 Euro and a maximum withdrawal of 1.027,00 Euro per month
 ➔ Alternatively via formal assurance of coverage according to § 66-68 German Residence Act, in which a third party in Germany agrees to pay for your expenses in Germany. Immigration offices and registry offices in Germany provide the necessary forms.

☐ Health insurance for Germany during your entire stay (minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro)

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