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Visa for IT specialists with professional experience

As an *IT specialist with significant professional experience* (at least 3 years professional experience in the last 7 years), you can be issued a residence permit to engage in skilled employment in jobs in the field of information and communications technology even without completing a university degree or vocational qualification if the gross annual wage is at least 52.560 €. As a rule, proof of German language skills at B1 level are required but exceptions can be made in duly substantiated cases. You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Required documents: Please make sure to prepare a complete set of the following documents (collated in the order as listed below with a legible, unstapled copy in DinA4 format) to submit during your appointment:

- fully completed and signed application including declaration pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- 1 recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport with at least two completely empty pages
- 1 uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
- Danish residence permit (card) – original + 1 copy (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or bopælsattest (not older than 2 months) – original + 1 copy
- Completed form signed by your employer: [Declaration of employment](#) (in German) original + 1 copy
The necessary minimum wage is set by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community once a year. For 2023, the minimum gross wage is 4.380 € monthly or 52.560 € per annum.
- Job description
- Proof of German language skills B1 – original + 1 copy – exceptions can be made
- Proof of professional experience in the IT sphere (at least three years in the last seven years) – original + 1 copy
- Proof of relevant theoretical knowledge (training courses or examinations) – original + 1 copy

- Proof of adequate health insurance cover – original + 1 copy

If as an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and enter into employment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to employment beginning and prior to being eligible for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

Fees:

75 €, payable either by Visa/Mastercard or in cash in DKK (approximately 560 DKK, depending on the exchange rate)

Important information:

Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

The embassy reserves the right to request further documents. Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization.

Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation.

The visa must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and, where applicable, the competent foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received..

The processing time is as a rule ca. 4 – 8 weeks, but can take longer in individual cases.

Please do not contact the embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

*All data contained herein are based on the knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time of drafting this information sheet.
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