

Visa application preparation and checklist Employment for Skilled Workers Holding a University Degree

Section 18b Residence Act

On your application day, you must present all documents on the checklist **in the original** and prepared as described in the following. In addition, you must present **one set of your documents' copies**.

How to prepare your documents

<u>To 1):</u> The application form must be duly **completed and signed by you**. The form can be found <u>HERE</u>. Your biometric passport photo must not be older than **six months.** It must be **glued (not stapled)** on the application form's first page in the top right-hand corner.

<u>To 2):</u> Your passport must be in duly condition and contain your **signature**. It must have at least **two empty pages** for the visa sticker and a **validity of at least one year**.

<u>To 4):</u> The application declarations must be duly **read and signed by you**. The declarations can be found <u>HERE</u>.

<u>To 8):</u> The Employer's Declaration form ("Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis") must be duly **completed and signed by your employer**. The form can be found <u>HERE</u>.

<u>To 9):</u> Your employment contract must be duly **signed by you and your employer**. The joining date must be **up to date**.

To 11): Only if your employer has applied for a pre-approval at a Foreigners Authority according to Section 81a Residence Act (fast-track procedure for skilled workers, "beschleunigtes Fachkräfteverfahren") or Federal Employment Agency according to Section 36 Employment Ordinance, you must provide the issued pre-approval letter.

<u>To 12):</u> Your university degrees and final transcripts of record, **BOTH** must be **attested by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC).** Further information can be found <u>HERE</u>.

To 13): In order to proof your foreign university degree's recognition (does not apply to German university degrees), you must provide **TWO** anabin database printouts: The first one concerning your university degree (classified as "entspricht", "gleichwertig" or "vergleichbar") and the second one concerning your rewarding university (classified as "H+"). Further information and a guide how to use the anabin database can be found HERE. Only if your degree and/or rewarding university is not classified as mentioned before, you must provide a **Statement of Comparability** by the German Central Office of Foreign Education instead. Further information can be found HERE.

<u>To 14)</u>: Only if you will work in a regulated profession, you must provide a practice license granted by the competent German authority. Further information and a tool to find out whether your profession is regulated can be found <u>HERE</u>.



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Nar	me File No.	Date	
Documents (in the original and one set of copies)			Missing
0)	Printout of this checklist		
1)	Application form (completed and signed by you, glued (not stapled) passport photo)		
2)	Passport copy (copy of your recent passport's first three pages)		
3)	ID card copy (copy of your recent ID card's frontside and backside)		
4)	Application declarations (read and signed by you)		
5)	Printout of your appointment confirmation e-mail		
6)	Only if applicable: Written explanation for past visa refusals		
7)	Educational/academic/professional Curriculum Vitae		
8)	Employer's Declaration form (completed and signed by your e	employer)	
9)	Employment contract (signed by you and your employer, joining date must be up to date)		
10)	Detailed job description by your employer (e.g. job offer)		
11)	Only if applicable (NOT mandatory): Pre-approval □ by the Foreigners Authority (Section 81a Residence Act) □ by the Federal Employment Agency (Section 36 Employm	ent Ordinance)	
12)	University degrees including final transcripts of record (BOTH attested by the HEC)		
13)	Proof of your university degrees' recognition		
	☐ two anabin database printouts (concerning degree and rewarding university)		
	☐ Statement of Comparabilty by the German Central Office for Foreign Education		
14)	Only if applicable: Practice license by the competent German authority		
15)	Travel health insurance confirmation (valid from intended travel date until begin of your regular German statutory/private health insurance)		
16)	Others:		
Visa Fee in the amount of 75 EUR, to be paid in PKR			
Completeness of application			
My application is			
□ complete. □ incomplete. The documents indicated above are lacking and will be submitted to the e-mail address missing.documents@isla.diplo.de mentioning my file number in the e-mail's subject line. Complete Compl			
Date. Signature		documents	