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Opportunity Card

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If you intend to work in Germany based on a foreign university diploma or vocational training but you do not have a work contract yet, you can apply for an opportunity card in order to search for a job or trainings necessary to recognize your foreign qualifications in Germany. An opportunity card can be issued for up to one year and might be prolonged in Germany. The opportunity card allows its holder to work part-time (up to 20hrs/ week) as well as trial work. However, this may not be main purpose of the stay. General information can be found here: www.make-it-in-germany.de.

You are eligible for an opportunity card, if you can prove sufficient financial means including health insurance and if

- you have a foreign diploma recognized in Germany (according to the database ANABIN or by single comparability statement) *or*
- you score at least 6 points by a scoring system based on language skills, professional qualifications, age and previous stays in Germany.

An **appointment** can only be booked [online](#) (national visa category). The **visa fee** is 75€ and can be paid in cash or by credit card.

Required documents:

- 1 filled in and signed application form including information according to Art. 55 German Law on Aliens: <https://videx.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- 1 biometric passport photo, not older than six months, white background, size 45x35mm
- Proof of sufficient financial means in the amount of 1,027€/ month, e.g. by blocked account or formal obligation letter (issued by aliens' authorities in Germany)
- Curriculum vitae
- German health insurance for the entire visa period (see information below)
- Proof of accommodation for at least a month
- valid passport with one copy of the data page (signed, with at least 2 empty pages)
- Estonian residence permit with one copy of front and back page

Alternative 1:

- Foreign diploma (no transcripts) including proof of recognition in Germany (see information below)

Alternative 2:

- Proof of foreign qualification: diploma issued by a German Chamber of Commerce (AHK) or foreign qualification certified by ZAB (www.kmk.org; foreign vocational training of at least two years recognized in the country of origin or foreign diploma recognized in the country of origin), unless you have received a letter of deficit while recognizing your foreign diploma in Germany
- Proof of knowledge of German and/or English (see information below)
- If applicable: proof of professional experience according to your qualification in the past seven years
- If applicable: proof of former stays in Germany for at least six months in the past five years

General information:

- Health insurance: until you are employed in Germany, you will have to take care of your health insurance on your own. Therefore, you will have to submit proof of a German health insurance that is valid for a long-term stay of more than 90 days without restrictions upon submitting your visa application.
- The **recognition of your foreign university degree** can be checked in the database ANABIN (www.anabin.kmk.org). The university as well as degree itself have to be listed in the database. Further information can be found on the website www.anabin.kmk.org .
- Knowledge of German has to be proven by a language certificate issued by the Goethe Institut, ÖSD, telc language schools, TestDaF or an ALTE certified institution. Knowledge of English has to be proven by TOEFL or IELTS.
- All foreign language documents (except passport, Estonian residence permit, health insurance) have to be accompanied by a translation into German or English.
- Make sure to submit all requested documents. Incomplete applications may be refused upon submitting or while processing your application. The embassy may request additional documents upon submitting or while processing your application.