

Your path to the German labour market

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Residence title after

entry

Visa and entry process for immigrants from third countries under visa obligation

Purpose for **Application process** Application process in **Issuance requirements** entry Germany abroad Equivalence or comparability of the foreign qualification (if need be: licence to practise) Concrete job offer in Germany or employment contract Work Approval of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) regarding the employment (skilled workers) Persons over the age of 45: annual gross salary of at least €49,830 (in 2024) or adequate provision for retirement Equivalence or comparability of the foreign qualification (if need be: licence to practice) Concrete job offer in Germany or employment contract: minimum contract period of Work Annual gross salary of at least €45,300 or €41,941.80 in shortage occupations (in 2024) if need be: approval of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) regarding the (EU Blue Card) employment IT specialists without formal qualification: at least three years of work experience + job offer or employment contract with a minimum salary of €41,041.80 (in 2024) State-recognised qualification (in regard to the country of origin): request digital information of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) or confirmation of vocational qualifications from a German Chamber of Commerce Abroad (AHK) of category A by the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB) Work (professionally At least two years of qualified work experience in the desired profession Concrete job offer or employment contract with a minimum salary of €40,770 (in 2024); be aware of exceptions in collective agreements IT workers with work experience: "proof of qualification" is dropped Approval of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) regarding the employment Book an appointment at the **Einreise nach Detuschland** experienced German embassy workers) Issuance of the entry visa (health Prepare the required documents insurance required) Check the waiting times and the Book flight Recognition notice with requirements: participating at qualification measures or required documents on the embassy's If need be: registration confirmation for an adequate qualification measure or plan for further education Recognition of foreign German language skills: at least level A2 proof of sufficient financial means (e.g. blocked account with at least €1,207 per Apply for the visa in Apply for a residence title in qualifications your country of Germany residence Execution of a skills analysis: recognition notice is not required State-recognised qualification (in regard to the country of origin): request information of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) Register your home address in Germany Bring the documents in their entirety Fee: €75 (in local currency) Inform yourself of possible waiting at the Residents' Registration Office Book an appointment at the foreigners German language skills: at least level A2 Recognition authority Prepare the listed required documents Concrete job offer or employment contract Agreement between employer and skilled worker on the execution of the times on the competent embassy's partnership Apply for the residence title recognition procedure Fees may add up to €100 Approval of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) regarding the employment Residence title application must be submitted before the entry visa expires Valid hosting agreement or contract with the research institution Research If need be: other sources of financing (e.g. scholarship) German qualification or full equivalence of the foreign qualification, or state-recognised qualification (in regard to the country of origin): request information of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) or Seeking Confirmation of vocational qualifications from a German Chamber of Commerce Abroad (AHK) of category A by the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB) employment For 2 and 3, additionally: (opportunity at least six points in the point system proof of language skills: either German at level A1 or higher or English at level card) In all cases: proof of sufficient financial means via a blocked account with at least €1,027 (as of 2024) or Declaration of Commitment Further details on the visa Spouse, children, or parents with a valid residence permit in Germany application procedure and Sufficient living space for the family (not applicable for reunification with long-term **Family** Blue Card holders and for spouses or underage single children joining holders of information on important points residence titles listed in Section 29 (5) of the Residence Act [AufenthG]) of contact can be found at reunification Sufficient financial means of livelihood: requirement is dropped in case of family www.make-it-in-germany.com. reunification with long-term mobile Blue Card holders

of qualified employment (Sections 18a and 18b of the Residence Act [AufenthG])

Residence title for the purpose

EU Blue Card (Section 18g of the Residence Act [AufenthG])

Residence title for the purpose of qualified employment (Section 19c (2) of the Residence Act [AufenthG] in conjunction with Section 6 of the Ordinance on the Employment of Foreigners [BeschV])

Residence title for the purpose of the recognition of foreign qualifications (Section 16d (1) of the Residence Act [AufenthG])

Residence title for the purpose of a recognition partnership (Section 16d (3) of the Residence Act [AufenthG])

Residence title for the purpose of research (Section 18d of the Residence Act [AufenthG])

- Opportunity card (Section 20 (5) of the Residence Act [AufenthG])
- Switch to a residence title for the purpose of qualified employment possible

Residence title for the purpose of reunification with spouses (Section 30 of the Residence Act [AufenthG]) or children (Section 32 of the Residence Act [AufenthG])

Minimum age of spouses: 18 years