

Job seeker¹⁾ or Work²⁾ Visa

If you are seeking paid employment in Germany, you are required to obtain a residence permit in form of a visa. A work permit will be included in the visa issued for this purpose.

It is not possible to issue an open work permit. You need to have a serious job offer or contract to apply for a work visa. However, you may ask for a so-called job seeker visa as well.

A visa in order to live and work in Germany is a national visa and does also entitle you to enter the other Schengen countries for the duration for up to 90 days for tourist purposes.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be processed by the Embassy and (if required) forwarded to the competent Alien's authority or Federal Agency for work (Bundesagentur für Arbeit). Job seeker or work visa applications take at least up to 8 weeks to be processed. Applications from Madagascar take a general processing time of 8 to 10 weeks. **Status requests being send before the expiration of this processing time will not be answered.**

After the application has been approved by the competent Alien's authority or the Federal Agency for work, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in form of a visa with the duration for 90 days. A final residence permit will be issued by the Alien's Authority of your place of residence after entering the country. The Alien's Authorities require all foreigners to register in the town of their residence after arrival.

For identification purposes and in order to take the fingerprints applicants are requested to be personally present at the German Embassy during Visa submission and hand in the following documents.

Please prepare **two identical application sets** with **all** the following documents in the **given order**. Do **not staple** any of the documents.

In general, all documents need to be presented in original and two simple copies. If you cannot provide the original of the document, you must present a certified copy and two simple copies.

All documents that are neither German nor English will have to be translated in either language.

Important information: Do NOT send supporting documents without being asked to or BEFORE placing your application.

Notice: If you apply in Antananarivo you need to provide in total three application forms and three passport photos.

Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	• Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years, with at least two empty pages and a

	validity of at least another 6 months after entering Germany).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 application forms fully completed & visa declaration 1, duly signed (see general information)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 passport size pictures, not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form) • Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of your passport's data page
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of your Tanzanian/Malagasy visa or residence permit (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of your college degree which must be acknowledged in Germany (you may precheck yourself online at www.anabin.kmk.org) as well as • 2 copies of proof of how you plan to finance your stay for 6 months (e.g. a blocked account, further information on the subject can be found at this link)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ²⁾ - 2 copies of your employment contract or letter of intent from your future employer in Germany including details about salary and working hours as well as full address of the employer OR • - for self-employment: 2 copies of all information regarding the company and financing (e.g. location offer, business plan, credit and financial information, business contacts in Germany)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of housing in Germany with full address (e.g. rental contract, hotel reservation) OR invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and their passport copy, 2 copies each
To be provided after the approval of the visa:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight reservation to Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of travel health insurance with a minimum coverage of 30,000.00 EUR (for the moment of first entry into the Schengen area) <p>as well as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of the health insurance for your entire stay in Germany

Visa fee: 75,- Euro, payable in TSH according to current exchange rate of the Embassy in cash. If you apply in Madagascar, you have to pay in Malagasy ariary according to the current exchange rate of the Embassy Antananarivo in cash (courier costs are not included).

Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

The German authorities may ask for a legalization or confirmation of the presented Tanzanian or Malagasy documents. Please consult either website for more information on the individual process.

Applicants may be called in for an Interview.

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