



Visa for Seeking Employment (Section 20 (1) (2) Residence Act)

Basic information

- Please see basic information on applying for a visa on our website.
- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization.
- The visa must, where applicable, be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and the competent foreigners authority. The visa can only be issued when these approvals have been received.
- **Processing time is circa eight weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa and refrain from booking before.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents at all times.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad 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 documents need to be presented in the original as well as with one set of copies.** Tanzanian documents need to be legalized. Documents neither in English or German need to be translated.

General information

This visa allows skilled workers with a recognized university or vocational qualification to travel to Germany for up to 180 days to look for a job that matches their qualifications. If you find an employer within six months, you do not have to leave the country, but can apply for the necessary residence permit at your local foreigners authority in Germany. During your stay to look for work, you are not allowed to take up employment, except for trial work of up to 10 hours per week.

Please be aware that the residence permit for jobseekers cannot be extended. After your residence permit has expired, you may only reapply for the same visa once you have spent the same duration abroad that was spent in Germany while seeking employment.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-Germany.com

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete and bring the list for the interview. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.



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Visa application checklist		
The following documents are to be submitted in full with each application.		
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<input type="checkbox"/> One fully completed and signed application including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act		
<input type="checkbox"/> One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid and personally signed passport with at least two completely empty pages, valid for one year		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of University degree or vocational training qualification In the case that the degree was obtained in Tanzania, legalization of the documents is required; for further information visit the legalization section of embassy's website		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of recognition of University degree or vocational training qualification If your degree was accomplished outside of Germany, the degree and the university must both be recognized Option A (recognition of the foreign University degree): In order to get your university degree recognized you need to provide one printout from the anabin database on the qualification and on the institution If the anabin assessment of your university degree is "Equivalent", please proceed to the website of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) to receive the Statement of Comparability which you need to provide at your appointment If you are unable to fulfill the requirements please contact the German authority KMK responsible for the recognition of foreign qualifications Option B (recognition of the degree in a skilled occupation/vocational training): To have your vocational qualification recognized, you must submit a Statement of Comparability , which you can apply for on the website of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of motivation in German (alternatively in English) including information on the planned job search and where you will reside during the stay; if applicable, include the exchange with interested companies		
<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae in English or German using the Europass format		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of sufficient means of subsistence amounting at least EUR 1.091,20 net per month, proven by a blocked account or a formal letter of obligation (Verpflichtungserklärung) issued by the Alien's authority where the guarantor resides; The letter of obligation must contain "Arbeitsplatzsuche/Job Seeker" as reason for reason of stay, as well as state "Bonität nachgewiesen"/Finances proven ("financing is believable"/"Bonität glaubhaft gemacht", is not sufficient); The proof of sufficient means of subsistence must furthermore include a proof of financing to be able to return to Tanzania		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of health insurance in the form of travel health insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 30,000 or USD 50,000, valid from the day of departure and for the entire validity of the visa (six months)		
<input type="checkbox"/> If applicable, professional license/permission to exercise a profession which is required for practicing a profession regulated in Germany, e.g. in the fields of medicine and law; The document is available at relevant recognition body in Germany. To find out whether your profession is regulated, please visit the information portal "Recognition in Germany"		
<input type="checkbox"/> If applicable, proof of pension provision , in the case that you are older than 45 years and your annual gross salary is not at least EUR 4,152 per month/EUR 49,830 per year (2024). As evidence of additional pension provision, you can submit various types of assets; These include statutory, government-regulated pension plans, pre-existing entitlements from private pension or life insurance plans, real estate and other assets		
Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzanian		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence permit for Tanzania		
Fee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS		
Completeness of application		
<input type="checkbox"/> The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.		
Declaration when applications are not complete: I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless. _____ place, date, signature		