



Information sheet: national visa Visa for skilled workers holding a university degree (Section 18b (1) Residence Act)

Basic information

- Please check all the basic the information first 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/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- The visa must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and, where applicable, the competent foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. one month** 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.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- 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.

General information

As a skilled worker with an academic qualification recognised in Germany, you can be issued with a residence permit to engage in skilled employment that your qualification enables you to perform.

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 a print out to your appointment. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.



Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application also in the case of persons travelling together (e.g. spouses or children). You will need one appointment per applicant.

- Two (2) [fully completed and signed applications](#) including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
 - Where applicable, two (2) declarations fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney
 - Two (2) recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
 - Valid and personally signed passport with at least two (2) completely empty pages
 - Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
 - Completed form signed by your employer: [Declaration of employment](#) (original with two (2) copies) as well as work contract
 - From the age of 45: **Proof of adequate provision for old age** (original and two (2) copies (only if salary does not amount to at least 55% of the annual contribution assessment ceiling for the general pension insurance scheme – 2023: 48.180 € gross/per annum/ 4.015,-€ monthly))
 - Proof of qualification: University qualification as well as a CV (all pages, original and two (2) copies)
 - Proof of **recognition of the qualification**:
 - > Two (2) **printouts from the [anabin database](#)** on the qualification and on the institution
 - or (if the qualification is not assessed as “entspricht” (comparable) or “gleichwertig” (equivalent) and/or the institution is not classified as “H+”)
 - > **Statement of Comparability** by the [Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](#) (original with two (2) copies)
 - or (in the case of regulated professions in which permission is required to exercise the profession, for example, doctors, engineers; complete list is available from the [Federal Employment Agency](#) or the [European Commission](#))
 - > **Permission to exercise a profession** issued by the authority responsible for recognising qualifications or assurance of permission to exercise a profession (original and two (2) copies) (for example, for medical professions: decision of the licensing authority in the federal territory, i.e. assurance of permission to exercise a profession and/or issuing of medical licence)
- More information on recognition: www.erkennung-in-deutschland.de



Proof of adequate health insurance cover

If as an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and enter into employment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to employment beginning and prior to being eligible for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzania

Proof of residence title/habitual abode by Tanzania

Fee

Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS.

Completeness of application

The application is complete: Yes 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

Declaration for the fast-track procedure for skilled workers

My future employer has launched a fast-track procedure for skilled workers in Germany to enable me to enter the country

- with _____ (enter relevant authority).
- A fast-track procedure for skilled workers has not been launched.
- A procedure for my entry as a skilled worker was launched in _____ (month/year) with _____ (authority) and was concluded with legal effect as follows: _____.

Should my employer launch a fast-track procedure for skilled workers in Germany, I will inform the mission abroad on my own initiative. I am aware that in such a case visa proceedings can be suspended until a decision has been taken by the authority in Germany.