

Visa for IT specialists (not Blue Card)

(Sec. 19c (2) Residence Act (AufenthG) in conjunction with Section 6 of Ordinance on the Employment of Foreigners

Basic information

- Please see basic information on applying for a visa on our website. **Applications can only be submitted via the [Consular Services Portal](#).**
- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- Documents not in the German or English 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.
- 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. eight weeks months** 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

To apply for a Visa for **IT specialists** you will need:

- proof of at least two years of professional experience in the IT field acquired in the last seven years,
- a contract of employment/ concrete job offer in the field of IT and communications technology,
- a minimum annual gross salary of EUR 43.470 (2025)/ monthly gross salary 3.622,50€
- German language skills, at least level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete and bring a print out for your 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 every application. Original and two Copy.
<input type="checkbox"/> One fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
<input type="checkbox"/> One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid passport (personally signed and with at least two completely empty pages, one year validity) and one copy
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of your residence in Tanzania (e.g. by water bill or gas bill)
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's birth certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> School reports as well as school leaving certificate and proof of recognition in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed form signed by your employer: Declaration of employment as an IT specialist (original with one copy) as well as work contract The necessary minimum wage is set by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community once a year. For 2025, the minimum annual gross salary is EUR 43.470,- (2025)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of professional experience in the IT sector (at least two years in the last five years) (original)
<input type="checkbox"/> CV
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of German language skills (B1, original and one copy) – if exceptions are in place they need to be confirmed by employer
<input type="checkbox"/> If applicable - Proof of relevant theoretical knowledge (training courses or examinations) (original)
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Tanzanian
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence permit for Tanzania
Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.