



## Information sheet: national visa

### Visa for vocational training (Section 16a Residence Act)

#### 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 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
- As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the competent foreigners authority or the Federal Employment Agency in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. 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.
- 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

You can do vocational training in Germany if you have a training place in a company and German language skills (B1 for qualified vocational training). If you are less proficient in German, you can however also do a language course before starting your training.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany at [www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com).

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete and bring a print out to 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 every application.

- One fully [completed and signed applications](#) including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport (personally signed and with at least two completely empty pages) and copy
- Proof of residency in Tanzania (e.g. electricity bill, rent contract etc.)
- Applicant's birth certificate
- School reports as well as school leaving certificate and proof of recognition in Germany
- Training contract in German (where applicable recognised by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce) signed by the employer and the trainee (original). If stated in the deficit notification: registration for theoretical courses, in-company training measures (with further training plan) or exam preparation courses (original and one copy)
- One copy of the training plan
- Letter of motivation concerning profession and motivation
- CV
- Where not otherwise confirmed by the training centre:  
Proof of German language skills (at least B1 for qualified vocational training) or  
Proof of registration for a preparatory intensive language course
- Proof of adequate financial means  
Financing  
Proof of financing of at least 855,- € net (2025)/ 1.030,-€ gross (2025) per month for the first year. If an unpaid preparatory German language course is being completed or if the trainee wage is lower, provision of the monthly shortfall of funds must be proven separately, for example, in the form of a blocked account.
- Where applicable - in case of a preparatory language course:
  - Admission to the preparatory language course with at least 18 hours per week as well as
  - Proof of receipt of vocational training place if language skills are provided
  - A1 certificate. A submitted language certificate must have been issued by an ALTE-certified institution
- Proof that fees have been paid
- Where applicable, authorisation to take up employment issued by the Federal Employment Agency/Central Placement Office of the Federal Employment Agency (ZAV)



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Note: German employers can apply for the authorisation needed for the visa application directly from the Federal Employment Agency/ZAV by presenting the training contract. If this authorisation is presented with the visa application, the visa section can process the application much more quickly.

Please note in case of vocational training in the medical sector – including care – you will need to have to present the permit/proof on how the job placement took place, as due to issue of avoiding ‘brain drain’ restrictions do apply.

Proof of adequate health insurance cover

If as a trainee 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 begin your training. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to beginning your training 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