

Information on the Skilled Immigration Act

On 01.03.2020 new rules for the immigration of skilled workers come into force. The new law expands the opportunities for skilled workers from non-EU states with qualified vocational training which are recognized in Germany to come to Germany for the purpose of employment.

For details on the skilled immigration act refer to: [Moving to Germany as a skilled worker](#). The major prerequisite for applying for a visa as a skilled worker is, that your qualification is recognized in Germany.

Information on the recognition of vocational qualifications can be found here:
www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de

As soon as you have received the notification of recognition and you have a concrete job offer in Germany, you can apply for a visa to work in Germany in the profession for which you are qualified. Information on documents required for the application is provided on our information sheet [Employment Visa](#).

Further information on the recognition of university degrees can be found here:

www.anabin.kmk.org

Further information for specialists can be found here:

www.make-it-in-germany.com

Fast-track procedure for skilled workers in accordance with § 81 a AufenthG

If you have already found an employer, you can authorize this employer to submit a fast-track application for you as a skilled worker at the local foreigners authority, i.e. at your future place of work.

The foreigners authority will advise your employer and be of assistance in filing an application for recognition of your foreign degree or certificate. The authority is also responsible for obtaining the necessary approval from the Federal Employment Agency. The authorities and the Federal Employment Agency must make decisions on recognition and approval within certain deadlines. The fee for this procedure is 411 €. In addition, there are fees for recognition of your degree or certificate. When all prerequisites that can be examined in Germany have been met, the foreigners authority will issue what is called preliminary approval, which your employer will then send to you. As soon as you have received preliminary approval, you can make a visa application appointment at your mission abroad; this appointment must occur within a period of three weeks. At the appointment, you must present the original letter of preliminary approval together with other documents (a list of the documents that you must resubmit when submitting your visa application, will soon be available on the website of the respective mission abroad). As a rule, the mission abroad will take a decision on your visa application within the following three weeks.

The visa fee is 75 €.

The following are eligible for the fast-track procedure for skilled workers:

- Skilled workers with professional training
- Skilled workers with academic training
- Highly qualified workers
- Researchers/scientists
- Managers
- Professional training courses
- Measures to obtain recognition of foreign professional qualifications,

As soon as you have received the preliminary approval by the foreigners authority, you can send it to the Embassy by email and ask for an appointment for the submission of your visa application. The Embassy will then schedule an appointment for you (within three weeks) during which you will file your application along with the necessary documents. The following documents must be provided in any case:

1	2 application forms	completely filled out, signed by hand Link to the VIDEX form: https://videx-national.diplo.de
2	Passport + copies of all relevant pages	The applicant's passport (with at least two blank pages). Please copy the laminated data page and all pages containing visas or stamps.
3	Residence permit + copy	Proof of residence permit for the Czech Republic. Please copy front and back. Please note that the Embassy can only accept visa applications of persons residing in the Czech Republic. In case of doubt, it may be necessary to provide further documents, i.e. lease agreement, employment contract etc.
4	2 photos	Two recent biometric passport photographs (in colour, not older than 6 months).
5	Language certificate + copy	At least A2 level in cases in accordance with § 16 d Abs. 1, 3 and 5 AufenthG (for recognition of a professional training). At least B1 level in cases in accordance with § 16 a Abs. 3 AufenthG (for attendance of a qualified training program).

The necessity to submit further documents depends on the individual case and will be communicated along with the appointment.