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### At a glance: Visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications

Visa and entry procedure for immigrants from third countries subject to visa obligation General entitlement requirements (Section 5 Act on the Residence - AufenthG): passport, proof of financial means, no existing reason for expulsion



## Step 1

#### Check the requirements

- Assessment notice with references to deficits that were identified in the assessment procedure
- Enrollment in suitable qualification course or further training course in Germany
- Proof of German language competence: minimum requirement is level A2 (CEFR)
- Secure financial means (e.g. blocked account with at least EUR 1,027.5 per month, as of 2023)

Adaptation measures and occupation as a skilled professional (Section 16d para. 3 Act on the Residence - AufenthG):

- Assessment notice pointing out the missing of particularly practical knowledge
- Proof of German language competence: minimum requirement is level A2 (CEFR)
- Concrete job offer from a company for employment as a skilled professional
- Assurance of the employer to guarantee the acquisition of missing qualifications

Please consider: In the case of a predominantly companybased qualification measure, the approval of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) is obtained as part of the visa procedure.

Please consider: Requirements may vary due to intergovernmental agreements and special arrangements.

# Step 4

#### **Enter Germany**

- Issuance of visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications
- Book flight/journey to Germany

**Please consider:** It is mandatory to have sufficient health insurance coverage prior to entering Germany.

## Step 2



#### Make an appointment at the German embassy

 Preparation of necessary documents: e.g. visa application, passport, assessment notice, proof of financial means, and if applicable a confirmation of registration for further education as well as proof of employment offer

**Please consider:** The German embassies provide information about possible waiting times for appointments and any additional documents that may be required on their websites.

## Step 3



#### Apply for a visa in the country of residence

- · Bring documents in their entirety
- Fees: EUR 75 (in local currency)

**Please consider:** Processing time ranges from a few days to several weeks.

## Step 5



#### Apply for a residence permit in Germany

- · Make appointment with foreigners authority
- Apply for residence permit for the recognition of foreign qualifications (Section 16d Act on the Residence - AufenthG)
- Request a list of the required documents from the foreigners authority and prepare them
- Handling fees can be up to EUR 100 (Section 45 Residence Ordinance - AufenthV)

**Please consider:** The residence permit must be applied for before the entry visa expires.

This overview is a simplified representation of the visa procedure. The steps described are solely for the purpose of clarifying the application procedure for residence permits. Further details on the visa application procedure and information on important points of contact can be found at www.make-it-in-germany.com.

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