

National Visa for IT specialists with professional experience

[Section 19c (2) Residence Act]

General Information

As an IT specialist with significant professional experience (at least 3 years professional experience in the last 7 years), you can be issued a residence permit to engage in skilled employment in jobs in the field of information and communications technology even without completing a university degree or vocational qualification if the gross annual wage is at least 52,560.00 EUR.

As a rule, proof of German language skills at B1 level are required but exceptions can be made in duly substantiated cases.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Visa application checklist

Please use the following checklist to make sure that your documents are complete.

Please submit the documents listed below in according order.

Please do not staple any documents.

Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

Original required	Copy required	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully completed and signed application and signed declaration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	One (1) recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed passport meeting the following requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Its validity must exceed the duration of the intended stay in Germany by at least 3 months b. It must contain at least 2 blank pages c. It must have been issued (not extended!) within the past 10 years
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residence permit in the U.S., e.g. Visa, Green Card, U.S. passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of address, e.g. valid driver's license, utility bill, lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed form signed by your employer: Declaration of employment as an IT specialist The necessary minimum wage is set by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community once a year. For 2023, the minimum gross wage is 4,380.00 EUR monthly or 52,560.00 EUR per annum.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of professional experience in the IT sphere (for at least three years in the last seven years)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of relevant theoretical knowledge (training courses or examinations)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of German language skills (B1 or higher) (exceptions can be made in duly substantiated cases)</p> <p>Competency in the German language means that the applicant has the ability to communicate in German on at least a sufficient level, i.e. holds a certificate of successful completion of a German language course level B1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Certificates issued by an institution, which performs testing in accordance with the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE), are accepted. These requirements are only met by the Goethe-Institute (www.goethe.de).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of housing in Germany incl. full address (e.g. rental agreement, hotel reservation or invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport copy of the inviting person)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of adequate health insurance coverage</p> <p>Health insurance coverage is required at the time of entry into Germany. Usually statutory health insurance coverage provided by the future employer only goes into effect when you take up residency and enter into employment.</p> <p>If you enter before, an additional private (travel) health insurance in line with EU standards (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 EUR) must be purchased for the duration of time until you begin your employment/your studies and are covered through the statutory health insurance. Please ensure that your travel health insurance does not exclude protection if a long term or permanent stay is planned.</p>

Visa application fees

Processing fee:

Payable in cash only.

Conversion into USD is made based on the exchange rate at the time of the application.

Completeness of application

The application is complete:

Yes No, the documents/information indicated above are lacking.

Declaration when application is 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

This information sheet has been prepared with utmost care. It is intended to provide a point of reference to our clients but may not be fully applicable to every individual case. If you have further, more specific questions which are not answered by the information contained here nor on our website www.germany.info/visa, please contact the German Embassy/Consulate General serving your U.S. home state.