



Jobseeker Visa

General information:

This visa allows university graduates from countries outside the EU to seek an employment in Germany for up to six months. It supports the objective to secure an employment according to their qualifications within this timeframe. If the applicant fails to do so, the visa cannot be extended and he/she will be required to return to their country of usual residence.

General information on labor immigration for academics is available on www.make-it-in-germany.com

Once all required documents have been submitted, the application and supporting documents will be reviewed. The processing usually takes approximately one week. As soon as the application has been approved, the Embassy/Consulate will issue a national visa for 6 months.

Although the jobseeker visa is called a “national visa”, please note that it does also entitle its holder to enter other Schengen countries for a stay of up to 90 days for tourism purposes.

Required documents:

Please make sure to prepare **two complete sets of the following documents** collated in the order listed below and bring them to your appointment. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid passport – issued within the past 10 years, providing a minimum of 2 blank pages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application form – duly and fully completed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of accuracy of information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport sized photos – no older than three months, must meet biometric standards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copies of the passport's data page
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence permit in the U.S. , e.g. Visa, Green Card, US passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of address , e.g. valid driver's license, utility bill, lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum vitae of professional career , specifying the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motivation letter providing information on the planned course of action to secure a job (sector, region, accommodation) as well as any additional evidence of your preparations such as matching job offers and applications
<input type="checkbox"/>	University degree , original and copy, AND if applicable: official translation into German or English. <i>Please note:</i> For jobseeker visas, German law requires the foreign university degree to be fully recognized in Germany. Therefore, proof that your foreign university degree is recognized in Germany must be submitted along with your visa application. Please follow the instructions on ANABIN website in order to print out this confirmation. If your degree certificate does not state your course of study, additional documents such



	as transcripts are required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of sufficient financial means for the duration of your intended stay in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	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)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of travel health insurance for the first 90 days of your stay with a minimum coverage of 30.000 EUR (see here for detailed requirements).

The German missions in the U.S. reserve the right to ask for **additional documents** at any time during the processing of your application whenever deemed appropriate. Presenting the aforementioned documents does not guarantee that a visa will be granted.

Fees:

The visa fee amounts to 75 EUR and is payable in USD in cash only. Conversion into USD is made based on the exchange rate at the time of application.

Additional information:

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

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