

National visa

Recognition of Foreign Qualifications

General Information

Skilled workers whose foreign qualifications are not (yet) recognized in Germany can take further educational courses to achieve the recognition of their qualification and to take up employment in their field.

This applies primarily to trained doctors without a German professional license and other occupational groups (pharmacists, psychotherapists, dentists and veterinarians, nurses for the sick or elderly, certain skilled trades, teachers, educators, lawyers ...).

- Detailed information about the recognition of foreign qualifications including requirements can be found here: [Anerkennung in Deutschland](#) or [Make it in Germany](#).
- Processing the visa application takes up to 12 weeks upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon positive recommendation by the competent authorities in Germany. The applicant will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required processing period has not yet passed.
- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa. A final residence permit for the whole duration of the stay will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Foreigners Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.
- It is recommended that no flight ticket is purchased until a visa has been granted!
- Foreign documents issued in other languages than English or German have to be submitted with an official translation.
- Please note that foreign certificates must be recognized legally for Germany. Therefore, Bahraini certificates need a so-called "Apostille". Please see our [website](#) for further information.
- The German Embassy Manama reserves the right to request further documents.

Blocked Account as proof for financial means: The current amounts can be found [here](#). The amount changes yearly.

Visa Application Checklist	
Unless otherwise specified, the documents must be submitted in a single copy (originals with one copy). Originals will be returned after the application has been processed at the latest.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	One (1) fully completed and signed application form including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declarations according to § 54 (2) no. 8 in conjunction with § 53 of the German Residence Act, duly signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration according to § 18 Abs. 2 Nr. 4a of the German Residence Act, duly signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) current biometric passport photos. Digitally processed photos cannot be accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Original passport (or travel document) valid for at least 3 months longer than the intended stay. It must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide a copy of the passport data page and if applicable previous visas withing the last three (3) years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of the signed employment contract or letter of intent from the future employer in Germany including details about salary, working hours and duration of employment as well as full address of the employer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Detailed job description from the future employer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of employment by the future employer. Please note: All information have to be completed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	So-called Notification of Deficits (“Defizitbescheid”) from the authority responsible for the recognition of the foreign professional qualification mentioning the adaptation measures required for the recognition or the professional license Proof of payment of the course fee for the entire stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	admission/confirmation of all educational measures necessary for the recognition or professional license (e.g. (specific) language course booking, preparatory courses for the assessment test, if necessary signed internship contract, ...)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of accommodation during the stay in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of German knowledge, usually at the Level B1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of motivation
<input type="checkbox"/>	CV including educational and professional achievements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of previous education (e.g. school leaving certificate, certificates of vocational training)
<input type="checkbox"/>	if applicable: evidence of professional experience corresponding to the qualification
<input type="checkbox"/>	if applicable: current employment letter

Proof of adequate financial means

A blocked account (Sperrkonto) at a German bank showing a minimum amount according to the duration of your intended stay.

NOTE: You have to open the blocked account directly with a bank of choice. Additional information on blocked accounts in Germany can be found on the website of the [German Foreign Ministry](#). Open the blocked account **in good time BEFORE** you apply for a visa. When applying for a visa, **only the official confirmation of the opening of the account** including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted. A confirmation that does not include this information is not sufficient.

or

a formal letter of obligation (Verpflichtungserklärung) according to paragraph §§66,68 of the Aliens Act, from a resident of Germany and for the duration of the applicant's stay in Germany.

Proof of adequate health insurance cover

Fee

Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar

Completeness of application

The application is complete: Yes No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.