

National visa

Speciality Chefs

General Information

Speciality chefs can apply for a visa to go to Germany and work on a full-time basis in high-class speciality restaurants (no delivery service, no Fast food restaurant).

Requirements:

- **successfully completed document verification procedure (more information on the next page)**
 - Applicants must be nationals of the country whose cuisine the restaurant offers
 - Excluded are delivery services as well as fast food restaurants
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- Detailed information including requirements can be found [here](#).
 - Processing the visa application takes up to 12 weeks upon submission of complete documents and additionally to the successfully completed document verification procedure.
 - 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 Aliens 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.

Document Verification Procedure

Every visa application is preceded by a so-called document verification procedure. The following documents must be prepared for this and submitted **in addition to the visa application documents.**

Please note that this particular procedure can take up to 4 months

The applicant has to make sure that the residence permit and CPR is still valid upon completion of the process.

The applicant has to make sure that the employer contract in Germany is still valid upon completion of the process.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate (Original + 2 copies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If applicable: Translation of Birth Certificate into English + 2 copies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State school certificate or school leaving certificate from the 10th or 12th grade with date of birth (Original + 2 copies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Copies of the last passport that was issued in your country of origin: Data page and the 2 last pages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 copies of CPR in Bahrain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 copies of residence permit in Bahrain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 passport pictures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> complete home address in your country-of-origin. For rural areas, the local post office (VPO) and police station (PS) must be provided (2 copies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> contact details including telephone numbers in your country-of-origin e. g. parents, spouse or other relatives (2 copies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of vocational training at a recognized training institute (Original and 2 copies) or employer confirmations of employers in India including contact details and commercial register / business license and proof that the restaurant is recognized by the authorities in your country of origin for the training of becoming a chef (Original and 2 copies of each employer confirmation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration Document Verification Process |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An amount of 600 EUR has to be deposited in Bahrain Dinar (BHD) with the German Embassy in Manama |

The following page contains all relevant documents for the **visa process**

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"/>	Description of the restaurant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restaurant menu
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of at least two (2) years of practical work as a chef in a qualified place of work.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of completion of vocational training (duration at least two years) at a recognised training institute Please note: if a vocational training is not possible or common in your place of origin: at least six (6) years of work as a chef in a qualified place of work in your country of origin. Proof must be provided: employer confirmation including contact details as well as commercial register/ business license and proof that the restaurant is recognized by the authorities in your country of origin for the training of becoming a chef.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration of employment by the future employer. Please note: All information have to be completed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If applicable: Pre-approval from the local work agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of accommodation in Germany with full address (e. g. renting contract, hotel reservation or invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport copy of inviting person).
<input type="checkbox"/>	CV including educational and professional achievements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motivation letter

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Proof of adequate health insurance cover

Fee

Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahrain Dinar (BHD)

Completeness of application

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