

National visa

Opportunity Card

General Information

All applicants who wish to search for a job in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa. This residence permit must be issued before entering the country.

- Detailed information about employment in Germany including requirements can be found [here](#).
- Detailed information about the Job Search Opportunity Card can be found [here](#).
- 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 Foreigners Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.
- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa with the duration of up to one year. A final residence permit (if a job is found) will be granted in Germany by the Foreigners Authority.
- 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.

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"/>	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 within the last three (3) years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy
<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"/>	Motivation Letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Detailed CV
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of adequate health insurance cover
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar
Option 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of professional or academic qualification that is fully recognized in Germany or alternatively, proof of university degree / professional qualification that was obtained in Germany.
Option 2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of successfully completed vocational or academic training.</p> <p><i>* Qualification needs to be recognized by the country in which it was obtained.</i></p> <p><i>* Vocational qualification must have required at least two years of vocational training.</i></p> <p><i>* Proof of professional qualifications entitling the applicant to the aspired occupation in Germany, please check with the recognized information platform www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de</i></p> <p><i>* Proof of academic qualifications entitling the applicant to the aspired occupation in Germany (e. g. university degree etc.), please check with the recognized information platform ANABIN and provide a print-out of your results.</i></p>

Proof of Language Skills: German language skills of at least level A1 **or** English language skills of at least level B2

** Official certificates must be presented as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).*

** Please note that only certificates issued by ALTE-approved providers are accepted or in case of English TOEFL/ IELTS certified.*

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.

Completeness of application

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