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VISA FOR SKILLED WORKERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT (SECTION 20 RESIDENCE ACT)

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Use the following checklist to make sure your application and documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.
2. The German Embassy in Cairo is only responsible for applicants who have their **habitual residence in Egypt**.
3. Please read the following instructions and the list of documents carefully and compile the documents for your application thoroughly.
4. Please sort your documents in the specified order.
5. The German Embassy in Cairo is only responsible for applicants who have their **(habitual) residence in Egypt**.
6. Applications can be submitted starting **three months before the planned travel date**.
7. Please use the online tool [VIDEX](#) for your VISA application.
8. You have to submit your visa application at the TLScontact center. Please book your appointment through www.tlscontact.com.
9. All documents are to be submitted as **original copy along with an English or German [translation](#)** (copy). A translation is not necessary for English degrees.
10. All **Egyptian public documents** must be presented in **translated, certified and legalized** form. Information on the legalization process can be found [here](#).
11. **Only applications with complete documents can be accepted! If you insist on the acceptance of the application, it can lead to a rejection due to missing documents.**
12. Please check our website www.kairo.diplo.de regularly for further information and updates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The visa for seeking employment enables interested foreign skilled workers with vocational training or holding a university degree recognised in Germany to come to Germany for a maximum of six months to find a job that their qualification enables them to perform. If you find an employer within half a year, you do not need to leave again but can apply for the necessary residence permit from the foreigners authority responsible for you in Germany. During your stay to seek employment, you are not allowed to take up gainful employment with the exception of work on a trial basis for up to 10 hours per week. You can find out more about living and working in Germany here: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.de>

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BASIC REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. PASSPORT (ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY)

- Passport is not older than ten years, has at least two blank pages left and is not damaged.
- The passport is valid for three months after the returning date.
- The passport holder has signed the passport before submitting the application.
- The passport holder is clearly to be identified with the passport photo.
- Copies of the data page and page 3

2. APPLICATION FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Fully completed and personally signed [national visa application form](#) (VIDEX) and the [accompanying instruction](#).

3. CURRENT BIOMETRIC PASSPORT PICTURE (TWO PICTURES)

- The passport photo is not older than six months.
- The passport photo is taken with a white or light gray background.
- The passport photo has not been digitally modified

4. PROOF OF ADEQUATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVER

- The insurance is valid for all Schengen countries
- The minimum coverage amount is €30,000 or equivalent in US-Dollar
- There is no limit or exclusion of treatment (Covid19, pregnancy, age restriction etc.)

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE TRAVEL PURPOSE

1. PROOF OF QUALIFICATION

- Legalized university degree (original and 1 copy)
- Performance record (original and 1 copy)

2. PROOF OF RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

In the case of skilled workers with **vocational training**:

- Notification of recognition of foreign vocational training:** Written notification of the agency in Germany responsible for recognition of vocational training (original and 1 copy)

In the case of skilled workers holding a **university degree**:

- Printout from the [anabin database](#)** on the qualification and on the institution
***or** (if the qualification is not assessed as “entspricht” (comparable) or “gleichwertig” (equivalent) and/or the institution is not classified as “H+”)*
- Statement of Comparability by the [Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](#)** (original and 1 copy)
***or** (in the case of regulated professions in which permission is required to exercise the profession, for example, doctors, engineers; complete list is available from the [Federal Employment Agency](#) or the [European Commission](#)):*
- Permission to exercise a profession** issued by the authority responsible for recognising qualifications or assurance of permission to exercise a profession (original and 1 copy, for example for medical professions: decision of the licensing authority in the federal territory, i.e. assurance of permission to exercise a profession and/or issuing of medical licence).

More information on recognition: www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

- Complete CV in tabular form indicating education and professional experience to date

4. MOTIVATION LETTER

- Self-written, convincing motivation letter with as precise information as possible about:
 - the general plan of your stay in Germany to search for a job (in terms of time and content),
 - the field of work or profession that is of interest to you,
 - the companies you want to apply to.

5. PROOF OF ACTIVE JOB SEARCH

- e.g. invitation letter from a German company for a job interview.

6. IF APPLICABLE: PROOF OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- HR letter of your current employer (original)
- If applicable: further supporting evidence (e.g. letters of recommendation)

7. IF APPLICABLE: PROOF OF GERMAN OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

- German or English language skills to be proven by
 - Language certificate by a recognized test center (original with one copy)
 - Participation confirmations from language schools (original mit one copy)

8. PROOF OF ADEQUATE FINANCIAL MEANS

To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal at **least 934 Euro per month**. Financial funds must be proven for at least **6 months that is at least 5,604 Euro** (in the form of a blocked bank account or a formal undertaking by a third person to cover all costs).

In the case of financing in the form of a [blocked bank](#) account: Open the blocked account in good time BEFORE you apply for a visa. For more information please click [here](#).

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 which does not include this information is not sufficient.

You can prove that you have enough financial means by:

- blocked bank account (minimum 5,604 Euro, 934 Euro per month) **or**
- formal obligation letter (German: "Verpflichtungserklärung") by a person living in Germany for the duration of your stay, issued by a German aliens authority.

VISA FEES

The visa fee is **75,00 Euro** and must be paid in local currency.

The fee is non-refundable in case of rejection or withdrawal of the application. Please note that in case of no-show or showing up with incomplete documents, the service fee will not be refunded by TLScontact.

I HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

- The submission of forged documents as well as incorrect information will necessarily result that the application will be rejected and can lead to an entry prohibition for Germany (and possibly also for the other Schengen states)!
- The submission of incomplete documents can result to a rejection.
- With my signature I confirm that I have read this information sheet and understood its terms.
- With my signature I agree that the diplomatic mission is allowed to contact me via email and phone number as specified.

Applicant's signature