

Residence permit for qualified workers wishing to search for an employment - Issue

Issue of a residence permit for qualified workers wishing to search for employment befitting their qualifications (employment contract or self-employment).

This residence permit cannot be issued to foreigners already resident in the Federal territory with another residence permit that does not entitle the holder to pursue an economic activity.

The residence permit is issued for a period of six months and does not represent an entitlement to practice an occupation. There is no possibility of extending this residence permit for the same purpose again.

Prerequisites

- Possession of a qualification from a German Hochschule, an accredited foreign university or university college qualification, or a foreign university or university college qualification comparable to a German Hochschule qualification

It is possible to submit a query to the online database of the Central Office for Foreign Education Affairs (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen, ZAB) to determine if the foreign university or university college qualification is recognised in Germany (see links for more information).

If the database does not contain any relevant information, applicants are required to apply to the ZAB to have their qualification specifically evaluated against payment of a fee and to present their qualification certificate to the ZAB (see links for more information).

- Possession of a residence permit that allows pursuit of an economic activity (only in the case of previous residency)

In the case of foreigners already resident in the Federal territory with another residence permit, this permit must have been issued for an occupation or self-employed activity (sections 18 - 21 of Residence Act).

Generally a residence permit for another purpose of residence cannot be issued during a stay for study purposes or family reasons, for example.

- Main residence in Berlin
- A personal interview is required

Nationals of these states can book an appointment online for the interview: Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, South Korea, New Zealand and United States of America

Documents required

- Valid passport
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1 current biometric photo

35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background

http://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf

- University or university college qualification (original and copy)
together with evaluation / statement of the ZAB if applicable (see 'Prerequisites')
- Health insurance
A travellers? health insurance will do.
- Proof of a secure livelihood
Statement of earnings certificate, salary slips, bank statements, etc.
- The form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit)
A residence permit may only be issued upon formal request.
- Proof of main residence in Berlin
 - * Certificate of registration at the main residence *or*
 - * lease and written confirmation of occupancy from the landlord

Forms

- the form ?Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, English, French, Italian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f72301-labo_agen1__antrag_engl_frz_ital_03_2017.pdf
- the form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Greek, Turkish, Serbo-Croatian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f72304-labo_agen2__antrag_griech_tuerk_sk_03_2017.pdf
- the form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f72307-labo_agen3__antrag_span_port_russ_03_2017.pdf

Fees

- * 56.00 Euro
- * Free of charge for Turkish citizens

Legal basis

- § 18c Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG

http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0290

Average time to process request

The residence permit will generally be issued as an adhesive label in your passport on the same day.

More information

- online database of the Central Office for Foreign Education Affairs (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen, ZAB)
<https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html>
- Qualification evaluations
<https://www.kmk.org/kmk/information-in-english/statement-of-comparability-for-foreign-higher-education-qualifications.html>
- Certificate of registration at the main residence (Meldebestätigung)
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/>
- Example: confirmation of occupancy from the landlord
http://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zentrale-einwohnerangelegenheiten/_assets/mdb-f402544-20161102_wohnungsgeberbestaetigung.pdf

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