



**Application for a
work visa for Germany
(not Blue Card)**

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If you intend to work in Germany, you have to apply for a visa and work permit before entering Germany. There are different legal options to issue a work permit depending on the intended work place, salary and qualifications. If you are a skilled worker with a university degree recognised in Germany, you may be eligible for a Blue Card EU. If so, please check the information paper for Blue Card EU applications.

A decision about your application will be made in cooperation with the German agency of labour. Therefore, **processing time** of your application can vary but usually takes between one to two weeks. An application for a visa can be submitted up to three months prior to the intended date of entry into Germany. The embassy highly recommends applying as early as possible to avoid any delays.

The **recognition of your foreign university degree or your foreign training degree** in Germany is mandatory. The recognition of foreign diplomas can be checked in the database ANABIN (www.anabin.kmk.org). The university as well as the degree itself have to be mentioned in the database. If none of your degrees is recognized in Germany, you have to apply for a single comparability statement before submitting your visa application. Further information can be found on the website www.anabin.kmk.org. Foreign training degrees can only be recognized upon application. This process has to be finalized before submitting your visa application. More information can be found here: www.make-it-in-germany.com.

An **appointment** to submit your application can only be booked [online](#). The **visa fee** is 75€ and can be paid in cash or by credit card.

The following documents are requested:

- one filled in and signed application form including information according to Art. 53, 54 German Law on Aliens ([online form](#); pdf form can be found [here](#))
- 1 biometric passport picture, not older than six months, white background, size: 45x35mm



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The following documents have to be submitted in original with one simple copy:

- passport data page (passport has to be signed and there have to be at least three free pages)
- Form „[Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis](#)“, filled out by employer
- Signed work contract
- University or training degree including proof of recognition in Germany
- Curriculum Vitae
- Lithuanian residence permit (back and front page)
- health insurance (see further information below)

General information:

- All foreign documents (except passport) have to be accompanied by a translation into German.
- Health insurance: The mandatory health insurance in Germany is only applicable once you actually started to work. Therefore, together with your visa application you have to provide an additional travel health insurance for the validity of your visa. It is not sufficient to present your Lithuanian European Health Insurance card as this insurance expires upon your departure from Lithuania.
- If you have to prove knowledge of German, you have to submit a language certificate issued by the Goethe Institut, ÖSD, telc language schools or TestDaF.
- Make sure to submit all requested documents. Incomplete applications may be refused upon submitting or after processing your application. The embassy may request additional documents upon submitting or while processing your application.