

Necessary documents for applying for a long-term (national) visa for recognition of a foreign qualification or for a professional permit (qualification measures) for non-Turkish citizens; also contains information for the visa applications of family members (last updated: December 2022)

Please print out this information sheet, cross off the documents you have prepared and bring the information sheet with you to your application.

How and where do I apply for the visa?

You can find all information on that in the general information sheet on national visa on the homepage of the German foreign missions in Turkey: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>

How does the application procedure work?

Please come on time and in person to your appointment. Each family member applying for a visa must be there in person. Please bring all your documents with you. The staff at the visa section will accept your application documents and the fee, ask you questions about the planned stay and record your fingerprints. The staff speaks Turkish, Arabic, German or English. If you do not speak any of these languages very well, you must bring an interpreter with you. Please note that close family members (spouse, children) are not accepted as interpreters.

What documents do I need?

- 2 x completely filled in application forms: You can print out the application form here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node?openAccordionId=item-231156-6-panel>
Alternatively you can use an online form and print it out from here: <https://videx-national.diplo.de/>
From the age of 18, you sign the form yourself; in the case of children, the parent or legal guardian sign it.
- Visa fee: You pay the visa fee at the visa section in cash. Change cannot be given. The fee is usually 75,00 Euro; for children from 0 to 17 years: usually 40,00 Euro.
- Valid passport and 2 copies of the passport data page(s) (page with your photo and validity dates) for each family member
- Residence permit for Turkey



- Two passport photos for each applicant: The photos must be biometric and not older than 6 months. They must be 35 x 45 millimetres. You can find more information on biometric photos here: <https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/themen/moderne-verwaltung/ausweise/fotomustertafel.html>

Please also bring the documents listed below (original version and 2 copies). Please ensure the copies are legible.

Please bring German translations of all foreign language documents. Only English language documents do not need to be translated.

Please note that foreign documents must be presented in the form required by the country in which the document was drawn up, e.g. legalized. You will find detailed information on this in the general information sheet on national visa on the homepage of the German foreign missions in Turkey: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>

Documents from German authorities will be accepted without further formality.

Turkish documents are accepted without further formality if they are presented in the international form (e.g. Formül B for marriage certificates, Formül A for birth certificates).

For the person who wants to work in Germany:

- Completed form signed by your employer: Declaration of employment <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/blob/2489438/f080d92a67b6f2545741b9c30753b58e/erklaerung-zum-beschaefigungsverhaeltnis-data.pdf> with Supplement A: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/blob/2310528/5eeebad51671187bddb4b1a299bfbfd78/anlage-6---zusatzblatt-zur-erklaerung-zum-beschaefigungsverhaeltnis---neu-data.pdf>
- Proof of foreign vocational training and other proof of qualification
- Notification by the German agency responsible for recognition of vocational qualifications on the need for adjustment or compensatory measures to establish the equivalence of the vocational qualification or to issue a work permit; ore information on recognition: www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de
- If stated in the deficit notification: registration for theoretical courses, in-company training measures (with further training plan) or exam preparation courses
- If stated in the deficit notification: registration for assessment text and where applicable registration for preparatory course for the assessment test
- If a German language course is planned as part of training: registration confirmation from the language school indicating the number of hours per week of the booked course (intensive course with at least 18 hours per week) and confirmation of payment of the course fee



- Recognized proof of knowledge of the German language (usually at least level A2, in the care and health sector level B1)
- Health insurance until the beginning of the employment contract or for the whole stay in case of theoretical training
- Financing:**
To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal **at least 827 € net/1033 € gross per month**. Proof of these means is to be provided in advance when the application is submitted. If a salary will not be received directly after entering Germany or if the salary is less than 827 € net per month, provision of the monthly shortfall of funds must be proven separately, for example, in the form of a blocked account. For family members, additional amounts must be available: 400 € for spouses, 300 € per child. Additional documents can be requested by the visa section.

In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account: 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 which does not include this information is not sufficient. Proof of lodgement or transfer of funds without the aforementioned confirmation from the bank is not sufficient.

- If family members also apply and applicable for your home country: Extract from the civil status register of your home country

For your spouse:

- Marriage certificate
- If applicable: Extract from the civil status register of the home country
- For previous marriages that were dissolved by divorce: Complete divorce decree of the last marriage of both spouses with a legal force note; if applicable, recognition for the German legal system; If a former spouse has passed away: death certificate of former spouse
- Proof of basic knowledge of the German language, at least level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. A1 language certificate must be issued by a certified provider. In Turkey, these are the Goethe-Institut "Start Deutsch 1" (www.goethe.de) and the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD) "Grundstufe Deutsch 1" (www.osd.at). The original language certificate must be presented.

In the following exceptional cases you do not need an A1 language certificate. However, the exceptional cases must be proven by appropriate documents (e.g. medical certificates):

- If your spouse's knowledge of German is obvious, i.e. can be seen immediately when applying at the visa section



- If your spouse has a university degree with a positive employment and integration prognosis, or if your spouse only wants to follow to Germany temporarily, or if a residence title is not granted for the first time in accordance with the Residence Act
 - If the spouse is not able to prove simple knowledge of the German language due to a physical, mental or psychological illness or disability.
 - If it is not possible or unreasonable for the spouse joining the country due to special circumstances of the individual case to make efforts to acquire a basic knowledge of the German language before entering the country
- Health insurance until admission to the family insurance

For your minor children:

- Birth certificate
- If applicable: court decision on custody (e.g. in divorce decree)
- If a parent with joint custody remains abroad: notarized declaration of consent to the child's permanent residence in Germany with translation into German
- Health insurance until admission to the family insurance

The submission of complete documents does not constitute a claim to the issue of a visa, but enables the visa office to check the legal requirements. In individual cases, further documents not mentioned on the information sheets may also be required. You will be informed about this after the application has been submitted and will be given a reasonable period of time to submit them.

Detailed information on the procedure, in particular on the further course of the procedure, the regular processing times and the form of the documents to be submitted can be found on the detailed information sheet for national visa applications by non-Turkish nationals on our website: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>