

Necessary documents for the application of a national visa for job search in Germany for non-Turkish nationals (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
- If available: Turkish residence permit
- 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).

- Proof of qualification:
 - Proof of German university degree or recognized foreign university degrees. Further information on foreign university degrees and in which cases they are recognized can be found in the general information sheet on national visas on the website of the German missions abroad in Turkey
- Or**
- Proof of equivalence of foreign training with German training on the basis of the decision of the competent authority, this authority can be found at <http://www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de>
- If the profession is regulated (e.g. health care professions): permit or authorization or professional licence or licensure The assurance of the grant may be sufficient.
- Proof of previous professional activity, e.g. employer certificates, references, SGK history with barcode
- If available: Language certificates of knowledge of the German and/or English language; for skilled workers with a recognized vocational training, B1 level proficiency in the German language is necessary
- Letter of motivation with details of the planned job search (industry, region, planned place of residence/accommodation etc.) in German or English

- Curriculum vitae
- If already available: Evidence of your preparations for the job search (e.g. applications made)
- Proof of financing the stay. Currently you must have at least 947 euros net per month at your disposal. The following options are equally available:
 - Payment of a security deposit into a blocked account in Germany:
<https://tuerkei.diplo.de/blob/2501486/9e2e85aa3b3b8090fc23bf40c1665304/25-sperrkonto--ab-12-21--data.pdf>
 - OR
 - Submission of a declaration of commitment in accordance with §§ 66-68 of the Residence Act, which has been submitted to a German aliens authority. The declaration of commitment must contain the note "creditworthiness proven" and the indication of the purpose of residence
- Health insurance for the entire duration of the stay

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- Please note that a job-seeking visa does not entitle you to take up gainful employment. This prohibition also includes internships. If you have found a job during the current visa validity period, please apply for the necessary residence permit at the competent immigration office in Germany.
- Please note that it is not legally possible for family members to join you if you have a visa to look for a job. If you have found a job in Germany with the visa you have been granted, your family members can submit the corresponding applications for family reunion as soon as you have received the necessary residence permit from the Aliens Department. A legal entitlement to family reunification exists only for the spouse and under-age unmarried children.

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>