



Information sheet: national visa

Visa for IT specialists with professional experience

Basic information

- For general information on the visa application process, forms and appointment booking please visit www.muscat.diplo.de/visa
- Documents not in the German or English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed. (For documents issued in Yemen: Please note that after the closure of the German Embassy in Sanaa, Yemeni documents can currently not be legalized by any German Embassy or Consulate).
- The visa must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and, where applicable, the competent foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule approx. 4 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The Embassy reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the Embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

General information

As an *IT specialist with significant professional experience* (at least 3 years professional experience in the last 7 years), you can be issued with a residence permit to engage in skilled employment in jobs in the field of information and communications technology even without completing a university degree or vocational qualification if the gross annual wage is at least 49,680 €. As a rule, proof of German language skills at B1 level is required but exceptions can be made in duly substantiated cases.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany at

www.make-it-in-germany.com

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.



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Visa application checklist	
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The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act (see https://videx-national.diplo.de)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid passport (personally signed and with at least 2 completely empty pages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed form signed by your employer: Declaration of employment as an IT specialist (original with two (2) copies)
The necessary minimum wage is set by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community once a year. For 2021, the minimum gross wage is 4260 € monthly or 51,120 € per annum.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of German language skills (B1, original and two (2) copies) – exceptions can be made
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of professional experience in the IT sphere (at least three years in the last seven years) (original and two (2) copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of relevant theoretical knowledge (training courses or examinations) (original and two (2) copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of adequate health insurance cover
If as an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and enter into employment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to employment beginning and prior to being eligible for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.	
Applicant of a nationality other than Oman	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of habitual abode by valid Omani residence card (original and two (2) copies)
Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in OMR only.
Completeness of application	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.
Declaration when applications are not complete: I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.	
_____ place, date, signature	