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Visa-free travel

British citizens may apply to the local immigration office (“Ausländerbehörde”) for their residence permits after arrival in Germany and without having obtained a visa prior to travelling to Germany. Please note that you need to register your new residence (“Anmeldung”) with the authorities (“Meldebehörde”) within 2 weeks of having moved in and apply to the local immigration office (“Ausländerbehörde”) for your residence permit within the first 90 days of your stay in Germany. This privilege is also extended to citizens of Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Korea (Republic) and the United States of America. It is important to note that you may only take up employment once you have been issued a residence permit explicitly authorising such employment. British and other citizens eligible as above may also choose to apply for a visa prior to travel, effectively permitting employment from the first day of visa validity.

General information

British nationals employed by a business outside the EU may apply for a visa or residence permit authorizing employment in order to fulfil contractual obligations with a German client. This privilege is also extended to citizens of Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Korea (Republic) and the United States of America.

Your employer can facilitate visa processing by applying for pre-approval from the Federal Employment Agency (information for your employer is available [here](#) - in German).

Some regulated professions such as medical doctors, nurses, teachers, architects, auditors, tax advisors and others require a formal licence to practise their profession in Germany. Please consult the [database](#) on recognition in regulated professions.

List of documents

Please ensure that **2 photocopies of each document** are provided for your visa application.

Printed Visa Application form (original)

*Print the form including the barcodes **twice** and sign both copies (application forms are required for each applicant separately; all children require separate forms).*

Valid passport signed by the holder

Issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months beyond the validity of the visa applied for. The passport needs to have at least 2 subsequent blank pages.

2 photocopies of the passport biodata page

Current UK residence permit (BRP)/ visa (foreign residents only)

- 2 photocopies of the permit/ visa**
- 2 fully biometric passport photos**
35 x 45 mm, no older than three months, on white or off-white background. Digitally altered passport photos cannot be accepted.
- Pre-Approval** (Original & one copy, your employer can facilitate visa processing by applying for pre-approval from the Federal Employment Agency)
- 2 copies of the employer's declaration ("Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis")** *to be completed by employer (download form [here](#))*
- Contract for works or services between the applicant's employer and the German client** *including schedule of contractual obligations to be provided by the applicant's employer - 2 copies of each*
- Confirmation of health insurance cover – in 2 copies** *commensurate with the level of statutory German public health insurance ("gesetzliche Krankenversicherung")*
- Professional curriculum vitae – 2 copies**

Accompanying family members

Additional documents required for spouse/ parent/ adult child:

- Separate application form for each family member in **2 copies**
- Original passport of the family member(s) and 2 copies of biodata page of the passport(s)
- Current UK residence permit (BRP)/ visa (foreign residents only) - **in 2 copies**
- 2 fully biometric passport photos
- Marriage/ birth certificate original and 2 copies (with translation)

*If this document was issued outside the EU and is not in English or German, then it should be **translated by a certified translator**.*

Additional information

Accompanying spouses of nationals coming under this category are usually exempt from the requirement regarding basic German language proficiency.

If your application is successful, you will be issued a limited-validity entry visa - similar to a UK entry clearance. Once you have arrived in Germany please register your new residence with the local authorities ("Meldebehörde") within 2 weeks of having moved in and apply to your local immigration office ("Ausländerbehörde") for your Electronic Residence Permit.

Further information on living and working in Germany is available [here](#).