

## Visa for accelerated procedure for specialists

A condition for carrying out an accelerated procedure for specialists is the presence of a preliminary consent issued by the internal German departments for foreigners (not the Federal Employment Agency). Only the employer can apply for such prior consent. If you have not received the prior consent of the Office for Foreigners, please read the other instructions on obtaining a work visa.

It is strongly recommended to provide a complete set of documents in accordance with the list of requirements below in order to avoid delays in visa processing.

The decision to issue a visa is the responsibility of the (competent) German diplomatic or consular mission in Russia. Please note: The Diplomatic mission has the right to request additional or missing documents, which may increase the time for consideration of your application.

Applicants must have with them the originals of all necessary documents and their copies.

- **[Printed completed visa application form \(original\)](#)**

One application for the issuance of a national visa filled out in German and signed with his own hand, including explanations in accordance with sections 53, 54 of the Law on Stay in the Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

- **Contact form for the Consulate**  
(see the "Forms" section)

- **2 up-to-date biometric passport-format photos taken no earlier than 6 months ago at the time of application submission, on a white background, 45x35 mm in size**

Please attach one photo to application (despite the "do not attach" indication on the application) and bring a second photo with you.

- **Passport with 1 copy of the page with personal data.**

The passport must be signed and contain at least 3 free pages. Must be valid for at least 9 months from the start date of the trip.

- **A general passport with 1 copy of the page with personal data and 1 copy of all pages with the information entered.**

For citizens who do not own Russian citizenship – a temporary residence permit / residence permit in Russia with 1 copy.

- **A medical insurance policy issued in the EU, with 1 copy.** A medical insurance policy can be provided upon receipt of a visa. State health insurance begins to operate after registration at the place of residence in Germany and the beginning of employment according to an employment contract. Upon entry, before the beginning of the employment relationship and before the possibility of obtaining state medical insurance, it is necessary to purchase private medical insurance. We recommend to conclude medical insurance for foreign citizens entering the country (the so-called "Incoming-Versicherung"). Health insurance policies for travelers may exclude insurance coverage in the event of a planned long stay in the country. Only medical insurance issued in the EU countries are accepted for consideration.

- **Preliminary consent of the Office for Foreigners with 1 copy.**

- **All original documents attached to the preliminary consent** (each document with 1 copy):

- an employment contract or a guaranteed offer of a workplace;
- proof of qualification/diploma of successfully completed professional or higher education abroad with a certified translation into German;
- if necessary: confirmation of the language knowledge required for entry;
- for the accompanying spouse: a marriage certificate with an apostille and with a certified translation into German. Please read in addition the memo "Visa for reunification with a spouse who has citizenship or a residence permit in Germany";
- for the accompanying child: a birth certificate with an apostille and with a certified translation into German. Please also read the memo "Visa for the reunification of a minor child with a person who has parental rights and has citizenship or a residence permit in Germany".

- **A biography** presented in the form of a table, without gaps between time intervals, indicating the full address and contact information with 1 copy. If you write a biography not in German, you must attach a certified translation into German.

**Important information:**

- Information about the Law on Immigration of Qualified Specialists can be found on the website page: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/fachkraefteeinwanderung-fragen/2268620> .
- An accelerated procedure is possible in the following cases:
  - specialists with professional education;
  - specialists with higher education;
  - highly qualified specialists;
  - researchers/scientists;
  - senior staff;
  - professional training;
  - measures for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications.
- When you or your employer receive the prior consent of the **Office for Foreigners** in the original, you can make an appointment at the authorized foreign representation for an appointment to submit documents for a visa, which must take place within three weeks.
- If you have the prior consent of the **Federal Employment Agency**, this memo is not suitable for you. In this case, please read the other instructions on obtaining a visa for employment.
- Specialists who apply for a residence permit for the first time in accordance with § 18a or § 18b Paragraph 1 of the Law on Stay, Work and Integration of Foreigners in the Territory of Germany and who at the time of obtaining a residence permit will already be 45 years old, must confirm income in the amount of 55% of the annual upper limit for calculating insurance premiums in general pension insurance (2026: 4.647,50 euros per month / 55.770 euros per year) or provide an appropriate pension insurance policy if there is no justification for a special case.
- If the legal prerequisites for family reunification are met and visa applications are submitted within a certain time period, the accelerated procedure is carried out, including with respect to the entry of the spouse, as well as the children of the specialist.
- Additional documents not specified in this memo may be requested when applying for a national visa or during the processing of documents.
- All documents drawn up in a language other than German must be provided with a translation into German. Translations made by a translator in the Russian Federation must be notarized. For translations made by a sworn translator in Germany, notarization is not required.
- Translation of general and foreign passports, as well as medical insurance into German is **not** required.
- Documents issued by the Registry Office or the court must have an apostille. This rule does not apply to German documents and, as a rule, documents from other EU countries. Please note that the apostille must be on the original document (and not on the copy). If there is an apostille, it must also be translated.
- All original documents and their translations must be provided with 1 copy. Notarization of copies of documents is **not** required.
- Pay attention to the completeness of the submitted documents! An incomplete set of documents may cause a refusal to issue a national visa.

**Checklist**

This checklist is used exclusively for self-control and preparation of documents for submission.

Please distribute all the documents attached to the application in the following order.

The set must contain all originals (civil status documents, diplomas, passports, etc.) and copies of all documents in the following order. These originals will be returned to you immediately after their verification at the time of submission of documents.

- 1 photo;
- a statement with a photo pasted on;
- health insurance issued in the EU;
- preliminary consent with the attached documents:
  - an employment contract or a guaranteed offer of a workplace;
  - confirmation of professional qualifications;
  - if necessary, a language certificate;
  - if necessary, other confirmations.
- biography;

- civil passport + a copy of the page with personal data + copies of the pages with the information entered;
- a foreign passport + a copy of the page with personal data +, if necessary, a copy of a temporary residence permit or a residence permit in the Russian Federation.

***This memo is updated if necessary and does not claim to be complete.***