



Job-Seeker-Visa

Graduates with a recognised university degree that compares to a German qualification can stay in Germany for up to six months to find *adequate* employment. With a suitable job offer, they can obtain a residence permit for employment purposes from the local authorities in Germany. (Until then, they are not allowed to take up work.)

The following documents must be submitted as **ORIGINALS AND AS 2 PHOTOCOPIES:**

1. **Completed application form** (long stay)
2. **Recent passport sized photograph** => see additional leaflet
3. **Passport or travel document** valid for at least three months after the expirydate of the required visa with at least two blank visa pages! Only Passports that have been issued (not extended!!!) during the past ten years can be endorsed with a visa.
4. **Irish re-entry visa**
5. Irish Certificate of Registration (**GNIB card**)
6. **CV** on occupational career with certificates and diplomas
7. **Recognised university degree** that compares to German qualifications
8. **Motivation letter** with information about the intended job search (branch, region, accommodation)
9. **Proof** that you are able to **support** yourself while staying in Germany (bank statements, payslips of the last three months or declaration of support / letter of guarantee - „Verpflichtungserklärung“)
10. further proof of prearrangements if already available
11. upon collection: **Proof of medical insurance cover**
The Embassy only accepts an individual or group travel insurance covering the costs for emergency treatment by a doctor or in a hospital and repatriation to your country of residence. The insurance must be valid in all Schengen states for the duration of your stay and must have a minimum cover of 30,000 Euro (including repatriation) per person. The European Health Insurance Card issued by the Irish authorities does not cover the costs for repatriation and is therefore not accepted without additional travel insurance cover.

Please note:

You can find out if your foreign degree compares to German qualifications through the online data base „Anabin“ (www.anabin.kmk.org) (in German).

When applying for the visa, you may be asked to give your fingerprints in order to enable the German authorities to check their records for any previous stays in the European Union and any criminal record. The Embassy may ask for additional documents and enquire for further information as applications are dealt with on a case to case basis. An application cannot be processed unless all the required documents are provided. You will be notified as soon as the visa has been granted.