



Visa options for IT professionals

IT is one of the most important industries in Germany. Explore the opportunities available to you as an IT specialist in Germany.

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Attractive routes have been created for IT specialists from outside the EU/[EFTA](#) member states (so-called “third countries”) to obtain a work [visa](#) in Germany. The type of visa you are eligible for depends on your qualifications and the job offer in Germany.

EU Blue Card for IT professionals

If you have a formally recognised academic or tertiary-level qualification in IT and have a concrete job offer in Germany, you can obtain an [EU Blue Card](#). In this case, it is important that your job in Germany pays a certain minimum salary.

Even if you do not have such a qualification, you can still obtain an [EU Blue Card](#) if you have gained knowledge and skills from at least three years’ work experience in a similar profession within the last seven years. The EU Blue Card is a very popular [residence title](#) that offers you many advantages.

Work visa for qualified professionals

A [residence permit for qualified employment](#) (under [Section 18a or Section 18b of the Residence Act](#) [↗](#) [AufenthG]) may apply to you if you have completed training or a degree in IT that is recognised in Germany or is equivalent, but you do not meet the requirements for an EU Blue Card.

Visa for professionally experienced workers

You can work as an IT specialist in Germany even if you do not have a formal [non-academic vocational qualification](#) or academic qualification, as long as you can prove that you have work experience in the IT sector. For more information about this type of visa, refer to the “[Visa for professionally experienced workers](#)” section.



A job offer is essential

A concrete job offer is the most important requirement and the first step towards your IT career in Germany, regardless of the type of residence title residence title you are applying for. You can therefore find out more about working as an IT specialist in Germany [here](#).

Here you find an [overview](#) of how to secure your livelihood according to the purpose of stay.

Video: Start your career as an IT professional in Germany

Learn more: Exclusive information for IT specialists

Do you need more information on working as an IT professional in Germany? On “Make IT in Germany!”, you will find everything you need to know about the German IT industry and how you can kick off your career step by step.

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Information on the web

Federal Foreign Office (FFO)

[You can find out which visa you need in order to come to Germany with the Visa-Navigator.](#)

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