# Looking for a job

Whether you are abroad or already in Germany, find out here how to encounter job opportunities in Germany.



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In this video: How do I find a job in Germany?

Would you like to work in Germany? Here you will find tips on how to find a suitable **job offer** and how to find information on various professions.

Please note that it is possible for you to organize the process of job searching, **visa** application, and entry into Germany yourself. Help from a service provider is not required for this. On “Make it in Germany," you will find official information on all key steps, from job searching and the visa process to learning German and settling into life in Germany. Please use the **Quick-Check** to assess which requirements apply to you.

## Starting the job search process: services of the Federal Employment Agency

Job placement via a placement agency or a state-run service is not a requirement for taking up employment in Germany. However, professional guidance can support you throughout your job search, the visa process, and preparations for your journey to Germany.

The **Federal Employment Agency (BA)** offers comprehensive advice free of charge. The international experts support you every step of the way, from your job application to starting work and settling into life in Germany. The **International and Specialized Services (ZAV)** of the Federal Employment Agency is the state's central point of contact for recruiting skilled workers from abroad. For further information on the support available, please visit the **website of the Federal Employment Agency.**

On the BA's website **BERUFENET**, you can get detailed information on various professional fields as well as find out what your profession is called in Germany and what it entails.

**Are you already in Germany?** If you are already living in Germany or are staying in Germany temporarily, the local Employment Agency will also help you during the job-hunting process. You can get free on-site advice in almost all German cities. The local employment agencies are part of the Federal Employment Agency.

Would you like to look for a job in Germany with the **Opportunity card**? Please refer to our “**Opportunity card**” section to find out how to apply for it.

## "Make it in Germany" job listings

In the "Make it in Germany" job listings, you will find job offers from the Federal Employment Agency (BA), where employers highly welcome applications from abroad.

To the job listings

## EURES: EU-wide jobs and funding programmes

The **EURES portal** (available in multiple languages) presents job prospects all over Europe and information on EU funding programmes. Via the **job search** you can find job vacancies, information on living and working conditions in the countries and contact details for EURES advisers. EURES regularly organises job fairs in many countries and online. Check the dates on the **European Job Days website**, on the **EURES portal**, or follow EURES on **Facebook**, **LinkedIn**, and/or **YouTube**.

## Finding jobs via online portals and networks

Do you already know companies in Germany, or did you come across certain company names during your job research? Many companies also publish their vacancies on their websites. It is best to search on their respective homepages using the keywords “Stellenangebote” (job offers), “Karriere” (career) or “Vakanzen” (vacancies). A speculative application can be worthwhile. Be active and publish your personal profile online in various business networks and job portals. Interested companies will then become aware of you and can contact you directly.

## Support from placement agencies

Private recruitment agencies offer another alternative for finding a job. They are looking for job positions specifically suited to you. Please make sure to get information on potential fees in advance in case you choose to make use of their services. In our “**Placement agencies**” section, you will learn how to identify reputable agencies and what to look out for. This will help you find a safe way to Germany.

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## Information on the web

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Tips for job hunting and interviews

### Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
Checklist for your application documents

### Europass Info
The Europass curriculum vitae for applicants

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