

Working in Germany as an IT specialist

Do you have practical work experience in IT and communication technology? Would you like to work as an IT specialist in Germany? An option to consider is a residence permit in accordance with [Section 19a \(German Residence Act\)](#) in conjunction with [Section 6 BeschV \(German Employment Regulation Act\)](#) to obtain qualified employment in Germany, regardless of the degree that you hold.

To find out whether you require a visa to enter Germany, see [Who Needs a Visa?](#)

What are the requirements to receive a work visa for IT specialists with significant v

- You have been offered a job in the IT sector in Germany.
- You are able to provide proof of at least three years of experience in IT over the last seven years. Your experience adequately qualifies you for the job you would like to pursue.
- You are able to provide proof of the relevant theoretical knowledge required for the job in question, such as through training courses and exams.
- Your potential position in Germany is remunerated with a gross annual salary of at least € 50,760.
- Your German language skills are at a minimum level of B1 according to the Common European Reference for Languages (CEFR). In individual cases, you do not have to provide proof of German language skills, if the language spoken at work is not German.

Info box

The German Federal Employment Agency (BA) must approve your request for employment. As part of the approval process, the BA will assess whether your employment conditions (salary, working hours, etc.) are equivalent to those of domestic employees.

Do you fulfil these requirements? To find out more, see the procedure for the [entry visa process](#).

What opportunities does a work visa for IT specialists offer?

As long as your work contract remains valid, you can apply to extend your residence permit. The general rules for residence permits in accordance with [Section 9 AufenthG \(German Residence Act\)](#) are applicable to the settlement.

Looking to live in Germany with your family? This is possible with this residence permit. Everything in mind, in addition to the applicable requirements, can be found under [Family life in Germany](#).



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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](#).

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)

Centre of Excellence for Asylum, Migration and Integration in Germany