

Residence permit for the purpose of seeking employment

On completion of your course of study, you can apply to the relevant Foreigners Authority for a residence permit valid for up to 18 months in order to look for a job for which your type of training qualifies you (Section 20 (3) (1) AufenthG (German Residence Act)). You may accept any type of work during these 18 months. Please note that the residence permit cannot be extended in this form. Our section **Looking for a job** will give you plenty of useful tips on finding a job in Germany. The following requirements must be met in order to obtain a residence permit for 18 months:

- Proof of completion of studies
- Proof of health insurance
- Proof of secured livelihood

Before applying, ask the relevant Foreigners Authority what documents you will need to bring with you. Some authorities also provide information on this subject online.

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/study-training/study/prospects/seeking-employment>

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