Looking for a job

You have decided to look for a job in Germany? And you are looking for a job that matches your professional profile and qualifications? Whether you are still in your home country or already in Germany, the best way to start looking for a job is on the Internet. We can show you the different ways of finding the right employer for you in Germany.

"Make it in Germany" job listings:
Depending on your country of origin, different conditions may apply for taking up employment in Germany. You can check out what possibilities are open to you by trying our Quick-Check.

To look for a job in sectors where Germany is suffering from a shortage of qualified professionals, you must meet some requirements. The vacancies are advertised by the Federal Employment Agency (BA). Good to know: Companies that particularly welcome qualified professionals from abroad, have registered their vacancies on the job listings of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) and have chosen our website to publish them.

Federal Employment Agency (BA): The official job portal of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) – the Jobbörse of the BA is the largest job market in Germany – offers you many advantages by the job search. You can post your profile in a closed area, so that German employers can find your profile and if they are interested, they can contact you. You should do targeted searches for vacant jobs – suitable to your qualifications and interests-. We daily update the job offers, however most of them are published in German. The search engine is available in English or French. Find the right job quickly and easily by using the Jobbörse as app also.

"Hotline Living and Working in Germany": Do you have questions concerning job search in Germany? Please use our advisory service specially tailored for professionals from abroad. Our specialists will answer your individual questions relating to working and career in Germany and will help you on your way to work in Germany. You can get support in your job-hunting efforts by entering the live chat, or you can send us an e-mail to make-it-in-germany(at)arbeitsagentur.de. In addition, you can get advice in German and English by contacting the “Hotline Living and Working in Germany” at: +49 30 1815 – 1111.

EURES: EURES is the network of European employment agencies. The Federal Employment Agency (BA) is a member of EURES. EURES is committed to promoting the mobility of job-seekers in Europe by providing advisory and job-finding services. The multilingual portal EURES provides in Europe interesting job prospects and funding programs of the European Union. For your job search: Find on the EURES Internet portal job offers from Germany and 31 other European countries, information about living and working in the different countries and the contact details of EURES advisors. EURES regularly organises European Job Days. There you are going to be able to get information about job prospects and vacancies in Germany and the other EU countries. In addition, many other countries offer European Online Jobdays too. Find the dates of these events by consulting the European Job Days web site, at the EURES Web site or follow EURES on Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.
Job portals and company website: Do you already have contact to companies in Germany, or do you discover certain company names during your job search? Many German companies also publish their vacancies separately on the Internet. The job sections are usually called “Stellenangebote”, “Karriere” or “Vakanzen”.

If you are living or you are staying temporarily in Germany, there are additional ways of looking for a job:

Newspapers: Many German newspapers publish job vacancies from all over the country in their weekend issues.

Local employment agencies: The mission of employment agencies is to help people in their search for a job. You can find a local employment agency in nearly all towns and cities in Germany. These are branches of the Federal Employment Agency (BA) (Bundesagentur für Arbeit, BA).

Talent profile: Take positive action yourself by publishing your own job ad on the Internet, on business networks, on the Federal Employment Agency’s job portal or other job portals. Interested companies will then respond to your advertisement.

Job fairs: It can also be worth visiting trade shows, job fairs and congresses, there you will have the opportunity to make direct contact with companies.

Personnel recruitment agencies: Another alternative is to use the services of private recruitment agencies. These look for suitable jobs on your behalf. If you decide to use the service of a private recruitment agency, please inform you in advance whether fees apply.

Friends and family: Family and friends often support us in life. Talk to your friends about the fact that you'd like to work in Germany. Perhaps one of them can contact you with interesting employers or they can give you tips for your job search.

Information on the internet

Federal Employment Agency
Job fair with current vacancies (i. a. German, English, Spanish, Russian)
Information and consulting service on the job-hunting (German, English)

Bund.de – Verwaltung Online
Job offers in the civil service (German, English)

European Commission
The European Commission job exchange (i. a. German, English, French, Russian, Spanish)

Jobmesse Radar
List of current job fairs in Germany (German)