

Visa for IT specialists with professional experience

General information

Federal Foreign Office

You apply for a visa **in person at the Embassy in Stockholm**, with all documents stated below. Applications are accepted by appointment only, which is to be booked **online**, via the **link on our homepage**. Please note that the processing of your application usually takes several weeks. You need to present your original passport when you apply.

Basic information

- Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation.
 Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- The visa must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and, where applicable, the competent foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. 4 to 6 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa please only book when you have received your visa.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

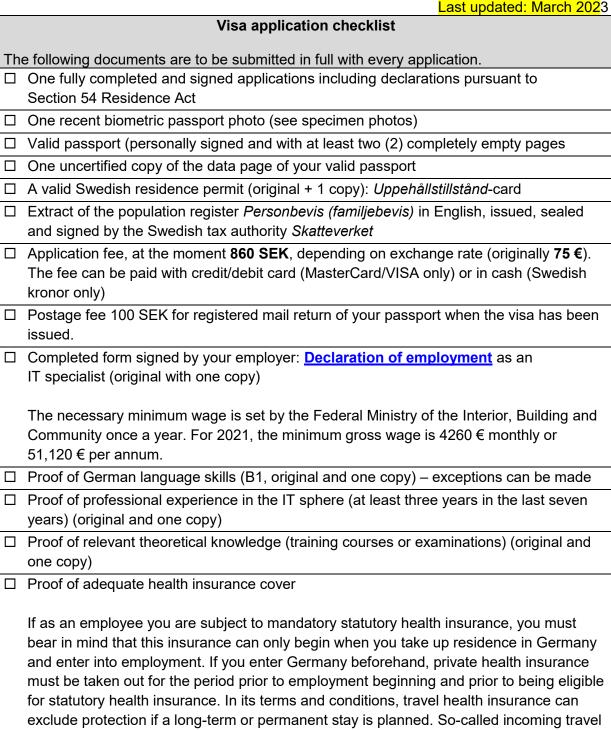
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As an <u>IT specialist with significant professional experience</u> (at least 3 years professional experience in the last 7 years), you can be issued with a residence permit to engage in skilled employment in jobs in the field of information and communications technology even without completing a university degree or vocational qualification if the gross annual wage is at least $51,120 \in$. As a rule, proof of German language skills at B1 level are required but exceptions can be made in duly substantiated cases.

You can find out more about living and working in Germany at <u>www.make-it-in-germany.com</u>

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.





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