



Information about Jobseeker Visa

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Kindly note that the Visa Section of the German Embassy in Budapest does not offer consultation over the phone. Address yourself via e-mail to the Embassy.

General Information

Since August 1st, 2012 university graduates with either a German university degree or a foreign degree that is acknowledged in Germany or a foreign university degree that is comparable to a German university degree may travel to Germany to search for a job. The job seeker visa allows a stay in Germany up to 6 months. Visa applicants are required to provide proof of sufficient funds for the entire length of their intended stay in Germany.

During the search for a job it is not allowed to start a job or self-employed work. However once you have found adequate employment and signed a contract you may change the job seeker visa into a residence permit for employment directly with the competent alien authority. You are not required to leave Germany and re-apply for a new employment visa at a German mission abroad.

Documents to be submitted:

- 2 completely filled out visa application forms
- 2 current biometric passport photos (available at the Embassy for 2.000 HUF)
- Valid passport (original + 2 copies of the data card and all pages with entries, visa and stamps) with following requirements:
 - its validity should exceed the duration of intended stay in German by at least 3 months
 - it must contain at least 2 blank pages
 - it must have been issued within the previous 10 years
- Hungarian Lakcím (residence) card (original + 2 copies)
- Valid Hungarian residence permit (original + 2 copies)
- Letter of motivation in English or German explaining the exact purpose, course of action to find employment and duration of stay in Germany as well as further career plans in case of unsuccessful search for a job (original + 1 copy)
- Proof of German academic qualification or a foreign diploma/university degree (original + 2 copies)
- For a foreign diploma/university degree: proof of acknowledgement or comparability of the foreign degree in Germany in form of a print-out from the database ANABIN, visit www.anabin.de (2 copies)
- If applying as doctor in medicine: approbation-certificate and language-certificate level B2 (original + 2 copies)
- Proof of sufficient financial funds, minimum 720,- EUR per month of your intended stay (original + 2 copies), see explanations below
- Proof of health insurance with coverage for Germany (original + 2 copies)
- Proof of accommodation in Germany, e.g. formal obligation letter, invitation letter or hotel reservation (original + 2 copies)
- 75,- EUR payable in cash in HUF. Cash payments in EUR are not accepted.

Requirements for Proof of Sufficient Funds

One of the prerequisites for obtaining a visa for job seekers is proof of sufficient funds of the job seeker's entire stay in Germany. In any case it must be ensured that you have a minimum monthly amount of 720,- EUR available.

When applying for visa, you can provide evidence that you are able to meet your living costs by opening a blocked bank account. You have free choice of provider. Information on providers that offer this service worldwide is available on the [Federal Foreign Office website](#).

Other documents accepted as proof of sufficient funds are:

- Formal letter of obligation of a sponsor residing in Germany pursuant to §§ 66, 68 of the German Residence Act. A formal letter of obligation can usually be obtained at the competent local alien authority or registration office in Germany. The formal letter of obligation must cover the entire duration of the language course.
- Proof of sufficient income and assets of parents to cover the costs during the stay in Germany as well as letters issued by parents that they will pay the maintenance. However, the Embassy can only accept Hungarian proofs of salary (a salary sufficient to cover the costs of studying) or Hungarian proof of assets (proof of income, account statement and confirmed bank proof).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Visa applications are accepted by appointment only. For appointments please use our [online appointment system](#) that you find on our website at www.budapest.diplo.de/termin
- Please be informed that in case of incomplete documentation your application cannot be accepted and a new appointment has to be booked.
- Kindly come to the Embassy at least 15 minutes before the beginning of your appointed time-slot and bring the already filled in application forms and all necessary documents mentioned above as original including two copies. If you arrive later than 15 minutes after the beginning of your appointed time or without filled in application forms or documentation, you won't be admitted and have to get a new appointment.

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