



Information about Vander-Elst Visa

Note: All information is based on findings and experiences of the Embassy at the time of writing. Despite all care, no guarantee can be given for completeness and accuracy.

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

Under the European rules on the freedom of services companies established and doing business in the EU Member State of Hungary may send duly employed third-country nationals to another EU Member State for a limited period of time to provide a service.

The employee is required to have a legal status and residence in Hungary. He is also required to carry out his main work activity in Hungary. If the conditions for the temporary service provision in Germany are met, the German embassy can issue a so-called "Vander-Elst" visa. In these cases it is not necessary to apply for a work permit or any other employment permit. Internal assignments, i.e. temporary assignments at a branch of the company in Germany, are generally not covered by a Vander-Elst visa.

Third-country nationals who hold an unlimited residence permit in Hungary do not require a visa for temporary service provision in Germany if the duration of the temporary services provided in Germany do not exceed 90 days within a period of twelve months. If a temporary service provision of more than 90 days within a period of twelve months is intended, a visa is required also for holder of an unlimited residence permit in Hungary.

Third-country nationals who just hold a temporary residence permit in Hungary always require a visa for a temporary service provision in Germany.

The "Vander-Elst" visa entitles only to work in Germany, not in other EU Member states, and only for the provision of services presented in the application procedure.

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)
- Valid Hungarian work permit (original + 2 copies)
- Hungarian Work contract (original + 2 copies)
- Proof of Hungarian social security (first month of work contract + recent month) (original + 2 copy)
- Proof of health insurance with coverage for Germany or EU member states (original + 2 copies)
- Extract of commercial register for the Hungarian company ("Cégjegyzék kivonat", original + 2 copies)

- Last business tax notice of the Hungarian company (original + 2 copies)
- Service contract between the German company and the Hungarian employer stating the period/place/type of employment in German or English (2 copies)
- 75,- EUR payable in cash in HUF. Cash payments in EUR are not accepted

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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