



## Information about the fast-track procedure for skilled workers

*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

The following can be specified for the procedure as an authorized specialist:

- Employees with a German or an acknowledged foreign university degree or a foreign university degree comparable to the German university degree
- Employees with a qualified vocational education or
- Employees with interest-related professional experience (currently IT professions)

A requirement for the fast-track procedure for skilled workers is the prior approval of the immigration office. This can only be applied for by the employer at the responsible immigration office and is necessary for the visa application.

***The application cannot be accepted at the visa office without the prior approval.***

### Documents to be submitted:

- 2 completely filled out visa application forms
- 2 current biometric passport photos (e.g. available at the Embassy for 2.000 HUF/4 photos)
- 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)
- Proof of health insurance with coverage for Germany (original + 2 copies)
- Employment contract (2 copies)
- Original approval in advance( + 2 copies) if this was handed over to the employer by the immigration office (a simple copy is sufficient if an electronic scan has been sent to the visa office by the immigration office) and the original documents which were attached to the approval as copies:

- Proof of qualification/certificate of successful completion of the vocational or university education abroad in German or English (original + 2 copies), otherwise with a German translation
- Proof of the required language skills
- A civil status certificate must be submitted for accompanying spouse and minor children who are entering the country
- 75,- EUR payable in cash or credit card (only Visa/Mastercard) 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](http://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.
- Specialists who for the first time have a residence permit pursuant to Section 18a or Section 18b (1) AufenthG n.F. and have reached the age of 45 at the time of issuance, must either have a salary of 55 % of the annual contribution ceiling in the general pension insurance (2020: 3,795 euros per month/45,540 euros per year) or proof of an adequate pension scheme, if there is no exception.
- If the legal requirements for family reunification are met and the applications have been submitted in a temporal context, the fast-track procedure allows the reunification of the spouse and children of the specialist.
- For more information please visit:  
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/skilled-worker-immigration>

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