

Guideline for international spouses & partners looking for a job or continuing education in Germany

Web-based guidance services offering information in English

General information on living in Germany

- **“Make it in Germany” provides extensive information about immigration and visa procedures, job-hunting and everyday life in Germany.** Official multilingual “Welcome to Germany” portal for international qualified professionals:
<http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en>
- **deutschland.de** is a magazine portal that is provided by Societäts-Medien GmbH in cooperation with the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin. It offers multilingual services primarily targeting international users. Six sections (politics, economics, culture, environment, knowledge and life) offer access to topics that are important to people in Germany.
<https://www.deutschland.de/en>
- **Just Landed** helps you manage everyday life. The Germany Guide covers topics like visas, housing, jobs and finance and offers a community to get in touch with others.
<https://www.justlanded.com/english/Germany>
- **InterNations** is a social network aimed towards expatriates and locals worldwide. Their goal is to bring their members together in their cities to share ideas, advice, experiences, make friends, and network together in a fun and inviting atmosphere. On the InterNations platform, expatriates can find advice on expatriate life, living abroad, visiting other cities, and much more. Basic membership is free of charge. Upgrade to premium membership (known as Albatross Membership) starting at €5.95 per month.
<https://www.internations.org/germany-expats>
- **Federal Office for Migration and Refugees**
Migration to Germany:
<http://www.bamf.de/EN/Migration/migration-node.html>
Welcome to Germany:
<http://www.bamf.de/EN/Willkommen/willkommen-node.html>

Working / Finding a job / Applying

- **EURAXESS Germany (Germany for researchers)**
The National Coordination Point at the German Aerospace Center is an information and advice point for internationally mobile researchers wishing to come to Germany or go abroad to work in research. This portal contains practical information concerning professional and daily life in Germany, as well as information on job and funding opportunities. **Local EURAXESS centres** help researchers and their families to plan and organise their move to a foreign country, providing assistance in all matters related to mobility.
<https://www.euraxess.de/>
- **International and Specialized Services (ZAV) of the Federal Employment Agency of Germany (BA).**
The Federal Employment Agency offers an International Placement Service for those who think about working in Germany.
<https://www3.arbeitsagentur.de/web/content/EN/index.htm>
- **Further information on working conditions**
<http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/for-qualified-professionals/working>
<https://www.deutschland.de/en/dossier/career-in-germany>
- **Online job portals (selection):**
<https://www.academics.de/> (for science and research)
<https://www.stepstone.de/>
<http://www.jobware.de/>
<http://www.monster.de/>
<http://www.jobvector.de/> (natural sciences)
<https://de.indeed.com/>
<https://www.thelocal.de/jobs> (English speaking jobs in Germany)

Recognition of vocational credentials in Germany

- <http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/for-qualified-professionals/working/guide/recognition>
- **Federal Ministry of Education and Research**
<https://www.bmbf.de/en/recognition-of-foreign-professional-qualifications-1413.html>
- **The Recognition in Germany portal**
<https://www.anererkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/>

German language courses

- **Options that you have:**
 - Language courses at your partner’s university or research institute (dependent on admission requirements)
 - Private language schools
 - Volkshochschulen (VHS, Adult Education Centers)
- **Goethe Institut (online German courses, free of charge)**
<https://www.goethe.de/en/spr/ueb.html>
- **Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (work-related German courses)**
<http://www.bamf.de/EN/Willkommen/DeutschLernen/DeutschBeruf/deutschberuf-node.html>

Continuing education

- **German Education Server (Deutscher Bildungsserver)**
InfoWeb for continuing education with search tools for courses, local guidance services and financial assistance (available only in German).
<http://www.iwwb.de/>