



Application for an employment visa BlueCard, qualified occupations

Persons, who have a recognized degree of higher education and a corresponding job offer from Germany, can apply for an employment visa (Blue Card, qualified job) at the German Embassy in Manila.

Extensive information in this regard is available in German and English language via www.make-it-in-germany.com. Detailed information regarding the recognition of foreign degrees of higher education are offered by ANABIN, the information portal for the recognition of foreign educational attainment (<http://anabin.kmk.org>).

Visas can also be issued for graduates to seek employment for a maximum period of six months. If a work placement can be found within this time, the local Aliens Authority (Ausländerbehörde) can issue the residence permit directly.

Non-academic skilled workers with a recognised vocational training can also receive a residence permit to work in Germany in many technical and other areas. The recognized professions are listed in the "Positivliste" of the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit; www.zav.de/positivliste).

The applicant must find out, in an established procedure, if his/her foreign formal vocational qualification conforms to a profession in the Positivliste

The homepage of the Federal Employment Office guides through this procedure of assessment of equivalency.

The said office is included in the visa processing and examines the application with regard to the prerequisites as specified by the employment regulations, among other things the compliance with the provision of the minimum wage legislation that took effect in August 2014. **The minimum wage is currently 1593,- € for 40 hours weekly working time (as of 2019).**
(link: <http://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Arbeitsrecht/Mindestlohn/Rechner/mindestlohnrechner.html>)

It is **strongly advised** that a **preapproval of the Federal Employment Agency** is presented upon submission of the visa application. Your employer in Germany can help you with this.

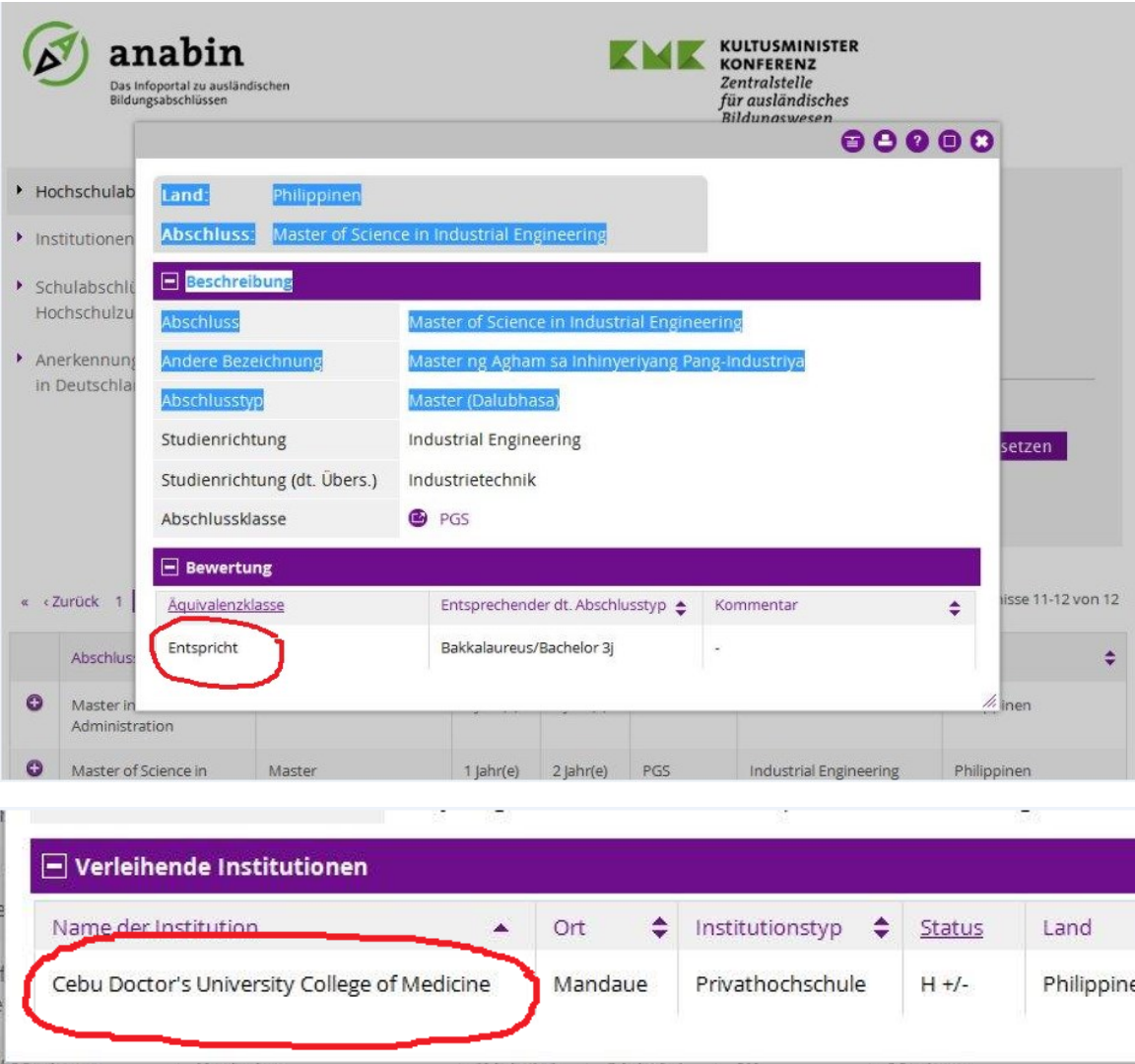
The Embassy can accept visa applications from persons who:

- require a visa to enter Germany (please refer to List of states whose citizens require visas to enter Germany), and
- are residing permanently in the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia or Palau, and
- **have a visa appointment** (see information leaflet about the appointment system) , and
- **arrive on time for their scheduled visa appointment**

The following list allows you to check, by ticking off the boxes, whether you have all the documents needed for the visa application.

→ All documents (paper size A4) must be submitted by the applicant **during the interview** as detailed below. Kindly note the sequence.

→ **Incomplete applications will be decided on the basis of the documents that were submitted, and may be rejected.**

Indicate in the box on the left, which documents you will submit (X)	
1	Two application forms , fully completed in German language and signed (It is possible to choose the english version)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name and signature Name according to the passport and your handwritten signature
2	A biometric passport picture
<input type="checkbox"/>	One passport picture (3x) 2x glued to the application forms, 1x loosely attached
3	Further documents / papers regarding the purpose of travel
<input type="checkbox"/>	A signed and valid passport (valid at least 6 months upon submission of the application)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed employment contract: Original of the employment contract, which should contain the following details: Type, content and duration of the intended occupation, the weekly working hours, the place of work, the amount of remuneration, the place of issue, the contract date and the signatures of both contracting parties (BlueCard: Please take note of the salary limits for 2019! 53.600 € gross/year // 41.808 € gross/year only for shortage occupations)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of qualification: e.g. diplomas, certificates, proof of recognition of the degree. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can inquire on the databank ANABIN http://anabin.kmk.org if your foreign degree of higher education is equivalent and the institute of higher education is recognized – both print-outs must be submitted. <p>Example of an Anabin-assessment result:</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the ANABIN website interface. The top left features the ANABIN logo and the text 'Das Infoportal zu ausländischen Bildungsabschlüssen'. The top right shows the logo of the Kultusminister Konferenz Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen. The main content area displays a search result for a degree from the Philippines. The 'Beschreibung' section lists details such as 'Abschluss: Master of Science in Industrial Engineering', 'Andere Bezeichnung: Master ng Agham sa Inhinyeriyang Pang-industriya', 'Abschlusstyp: Master (Dalubhasa)', 'Studienrichtung: Industrial Engineering', and 'Abschlussklasse: PGS'. The 'Bewertung' section shows 'Äquivalenzklasse: Entspricht' (circled in red), 'Entsprechender dt. Abschlusstyp: Bakkalaureus/Bachelor 3j', and 'Kommentar: -'. Below this, a table lists 'Verleihende Institutionen' with columns for Name, Ort, Institutionstyp, Status, and Land. The entry for 'Cebu Doctor's University College of Medicine' is circled in red.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your degree / institute of higher education is not registered in the data base (Please note: this is currently the usual case with Philippine degrees of higher education!!!), you will have to have an evaluation of your qualification carried out by the Central Office for Foreign Education Systems (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen (ZAB)): https://www.kmk.org/service/anererkennung-auslaendischer-abschluesse/zeugnisbewertung-fuer-auslaendische-hochschulqualifikationen.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Language knowledge: German language knowledge may not be the requirement for the issuance of the residence permit to take up employment or seek employment. But good language knowledge is indispensable for a residence in Germany. It is therefore advisable to acquire language knowledge of at least level B1 of the <i>Common European Framework of Reference</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of a health insurance coverage in Germany

Please note:

All documents must be submitted in the original with an additional two sets of Xerox copies. The originals are returned after the completion of the processing.

Pay attention to the submission of complete application documents. Incomplete applications can lead to a rejection of the visa application. Documents, that are submitted by Fax or email without being asked for cannot be allocated to your visa application.

The submission of fake papers/documents as well as false statements compellingly necessitate the rejection of the visa application and can lead to a ban on the entry in Germany!

In the individual case the submission of further documents may be necessary. The processing time can therefore vary significantly from case to case; it generally amounts to 8 to 12 weeks. Applicants are therefore requested to refrain from questions regarding the processing status during this time.

For the departure from the Philippines to take up employment a permit of the „Philippine Overseas Employment Administration” (POEA) is required – to the knowledge of the Embassy. Please consult POEA in good time regarding the procedure, the Embassy can in this regard offer neither advice nor support.