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### VISA FOR JOB SEARCH OPPORTUNITY CARD (long-term visa)

Only by appointment booked online on our website at [www.ramallah.diplo.de/appointments](http://www.ramallah.diplo.de/appointments)

If you have a university degree that is recognized in Germany, you can be granted a residence permit in the form of the Opportunity Card for the purpose of looking for a job that your qualifications enable you to carry out, or for the recognition of your qualification.

Prerequisites for the job search visa are:

- Academic diploma, recognized in Germany (proof required)

AND

- Living expenses are secured (1027 EUR per month, through a blocked account or formal obligation from Germany)

If you do not have a recognized university degree, you can also be issued a residence permit in the form of an Opportunity Card in order to seek measures to have your foreign professional qualifications recognized.

Requirements are:

1.1 You have a professional qualification that is recognized in the Palestinian territories and which required a training period of at least two years (must be confirmed by the Central Office for Foreign Education, '[Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen](#)'),

OR

1.2 You have a university degree that is recognized in the Palestinian territories (but not in Germany) (must be confirmed by the Central Office for Foreign Education, '[Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen](#)')

OR

1.3 You have a so-called AHK qualification.

AND

2. Proof of language proficiency: You either have German language skills of at least level A1 as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR, proof via Zertifikat A1 from Goethe-Institute, no older than six months) or English language skills of at least level B2 (CEFR) (TOEFL, IELTS, no older than six months).

AND

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3. You must achieve at least six points in [the points system](#)

AND

4. Living expenses are secured (1027 EUR per month, through a blocked account or formal obligation from Germany).

The visa as an Opportunity Card is issued for up to one year. It can only be issued again if the foreigner has stayed abroad for at least as long after leaving the country as he previously stayed in Germany on the basis of an Opportunity Card.

### **Application documents**

Please print out this information sheet and bring it to your visa appointment. Please **sort** your application documents in the following order and tick the box on the left to certify that you are submitting the document. Documents have to be submitted in original with two copies, Arabic documents have to be submitted together with a German translation. English translation may not be sufficient and result in additional costs for you. Arabic documents without translation cannot be considered.

<b>Required documents</b>		<b>Available</b>
1	<b>2 application forms for a National Visa (<a href="https://videx.diplo.de/videx">https://videx.diplo.de/videx</a>)</b> Completed and signed	
2	<b>Passport</b> (Valid, signed, at least 2 empty pages) <b>ID Card</b>	
3	<b>2 passport photos</b> light background, biometric, (see <a href="#">here</a> ), not older than 3 months	
4	<b>Qualifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University degree (in legalised form) including proof of the equivalence of the foreign qualification (printout from the ANABIN database; for regulated professions: proof of a professional license)</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foreign professional qualification (in legalised form) and recognition notice from the Central Office for Foreign Education ('Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen')</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foreign university degree (legalised) and certificate of recognition from the Central Office for Foreign Education ('Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen') or certificate of equivalence</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Proof of basic knowledge of German or English language</b> (if applicable)	
6	<b>Detailed CV</b>  <b>Motivation letter</b>	
7	<b>Proof of Funding</b>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof of blocked account (see note on our website) with a monthly blocked amount of EUR 1027.00 per month</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal obligation from Germany (not older than 6 months) to the ‘Ausländerbehörde’, according to which the signatory is responsible for all costs in accordance with Sections 66 - 68 of the Residence Act. The declaration of commitment must be expressly issued for the purpose of looking for a job/training place.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Upon collection of the visa:</b>		
9	<b>Sufficient (travel) health insurance</b> Minimum 30.000 € -coverage of medical expenses to cover the validity of the visa	

**Please note:**

- The fee is generally 75 Euro and the equivalent amount in NIS has to be paid in cash at the time of application.
- Only complete applications can be accepted; non-submission of necessary documentation may lead to a refusal.
- Additional documents might be requested on submitting the application.
- Upon submission of your application as well as of all required documents the processing will take approx. 3 weeks
- Please bring your receipt when collecting your decision.