



Documents for the Job Seeker Visa, the Red-White-Red – Card and the EU Blue Card

Job Seeker Visa Application

Originals and copies of the documents must be submitted at the time of application. If the documents are not available in German or English, translations into German or English must be provided. For review purposes, the authority may eventually require certified versions of the documents.

General Requirements

The following documents must be presented at the time of your visa application:

- Valid travel document (passport)
- Birth certificate or equivalent document
- Photograph (dimensions: 45x35mm) not older than six months
- Proof of accommodation at least for the time of arrival (e.g. tenancy agreement or proof of freehold property purchase)
- Proof of health insurance covering all risks (compulsory health insurance or equivalent insurance, e.g. comprehensive travel insurance)
- Proof of adequate means of subsistence (payslips, pay certificates, employment contracts, insurance benefit certificates, evidence of retirement or other pension or insurance benefits, investment capital or sufficient own assets)

Many authorities require, for example, that a current criminal record extract from the applicant's country of origin or previous habitual residence be submitted as part of an initial application. It is recommended that the extract be no more than three months old. A criminal record extract is an official confirmation of a person's previous convictions or convictions that have been entered in the criminal register to date. The country of origin is the country of which the applicant is a national. If this person has lived in another country for more than 6 months prior to their stay in Austria, they will need a criminal record certificate from that country.

Points System

Please submit all documents reflecting your individual score. The examination procedure and assignment of points can only commence after you have filed your application. For a first estimate of your score, please use the [Points calculator](#) on our website.

1. Special Qualifications and Skills

Graduation

- Document furnishing proof of successful completion of a four-year programme at a university or another institution of a tertiary education
- Document reflecting the status or status of the university or other institution of tertiary education by the competent authority (only required if the respective institution is not listed on www.anabin.de, see [Downloads](#) - Recognized Degrees)

- Document furnishing proof of successful completion of a programme in a MINT subject (= mathematics, informatics, natural sciences, technology)
- Document furnishing proof of habilitation

Gross annual salary in a senior management position

- Tax assessment notice or pay certificate
- Confirmation by the previous employer that the applicant worked in a senior management position
- Proof that the company is listed on the stock exchange or positive report from the competent Austrian foreign trade office about its activities or business segment

Research and innovation activities

- Proof of scientific publications, stating titles and sources (for scientific publications forming part of university studies, no points can be assigned)
- Certificate issued by a university or research institution that the applicant worked in R&D or academic scientific teaching
- Proof of patent application(s) through extracts from national or regional patent registers

Recognized awards and prizes

- Document proving the conferral of the award or prize

Recognized awards and prizes must have been awarded for absolutely exceptional achievements in the areas of science, economy, technology, politics, arts or sports and must be internationally well-known, or of eminent significance in the respective professional circles.

2. Work experience

- Testimonials and work certificates

3. Language skills

- Language diploma or language course certificate at the A1 or A2 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages not older than five years

German language diplomas and certificates may in particular be obtained from the following institutions: ÖSD, Goethe-Institut, Telc GmbH, Österreichischer Integrationsfonds (ÖIF), BSB Deutschland.

The following diplomas and certificates in particular are recognised as evidence of proficiency in **English**: Cambridge Certificate, TELC, IELTS diploma, TOEIC diploma, TOEFL diploma, Linguaskill, Aptis.

If you have successfully studied at a school or university with English as the language of instruction during at least two years, the proof of recent graduation from this institution can be accepted as a confirmation of your language skills.

4. Studies in Austria

- Course record book and related examination certificates
- Document reflecting the successful completion of a programme of studies in Austria

Red-White-Red Card Application

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- Photograph (dimensions: 45x35mm) which is not older than six months
- Proof of health insurance covering all risks (compulsory health insurance or equivalent insurance, e.g. comprehensive travel insurance)

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1. Qualification

Vocational Education/Training

- Certificate or diploma of completed vocational education/training

Special Knowledge or Abilities

- Testimonials, diplomas and work certificates

Proof of Eligibility for Admission to University (Matura, Abitur, Matriculation Certificate)

- Certificate furnishing proof of general eligibility for admission to university

2. Graduation

- Document furnishing proof of successful completion of a three-year programme at an institution of tertiary education
- Document issued by the competent authority in your country reflecting the status of the university or institution of tertiary education (only required if the respective institution is not listed on www.anabin.de, see [Downloads](#) - Recognized Degrees)

3. Work Experience According to Your Qualification

- Testimonials and work certificates

4. Language Skills

- Language diploma or language course certificate at the A1 or A2 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for German or the B1 or B2 levels for English not older than five years

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5. Professional Athletes or Professional Sports Coaches

- Testimonials or work certificates

EU Blue Card Application

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- Photograph (dimensions: 45x35mm) which is not older than six months
- Proof of health insurance covering all risks (compulsory health insurance or equivalent insurance, e.g. comprehensive travel insurance)
- Document furnishing proof of successful completion of a three-year programme at a university or other tertiary educational institution
- Document issued by the competent authority in your country reflecting the status of the

university or institution of tertiary education (only required if the respective institution is not listed on www.anabin.de, see [Downloads](#) - Recognized Degrees)

- Alternatively, in the information and communication technology sector, proof of at least three years of relevant professional experience (testimonials, work certificates) comparable to a university degree with at least three years of study and acquired within the last seven years prior to application
- Employer's declaration (see [Downloads](#) – Application forms)

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