

# Visa Starter Guide — Move Now to Germany

A simple, practical introduction to German visa options for Americans and international applicants.

## Purpose of This Guide

This guide helps you understand which German visa may fit your situation, what the basic requirements are, and what steps to take next. It is a starting point — not legal advice.

## Who This Guide Is For

- Americans considering relocation to Germany
- Freelancers, remote workers, and employees
- Students and retirees
- Families planning reunification

## Overview — Main German Visa Categories

### 1. Employment Visa

For people who have a job offer from a German employer. Requires a contract, recognized qualifications, and sufficient income.

### 2. EU Blue Card

For highly qualified professionals with a university degree and a job offer meeting salary thresholds. Fast-track to long-term residence.

### 3. Freelancer / Self-Employed Visa

For freelancers, entrepreneurs, and self-employed professionals with a viable business plan and clients.

### 4. Student Visa

For those enrolled in a recognized German university or language program. Proof of funds and health insurance required.

### 5. Job Seeker Visa

Allows qualified professionals to stay in Germany while searching for employment.

## **6. Family Reunion Visa**

For spouses, children, or close relatives joining a family member legally living in Germany.

## **7. Retirement / Long-Stay Visa**

For financially independent retirees with sufficient income and health coverage.

## **8. Au Pair Visa**

For young adults joining a host family to learn language and culture.

## **9. Researcher Visa**

For academic or scientific researchers invited by German institutions.

## **10. Other Special Visas**

Includes artist visas, humanitarian visas, and short-term cultural permits.

## **Next Steps After This Guide**

- Identify which visa fits your situation
- Review detailed checklist (paid option available)
- Prepare required documents
- Contact Move Now to Germany for personal guidance

## **Start Your Move**

Email us at [info@movenowtogermaany.com](mailto:info@movenowtogermaany.com) to request a personalized consultation. We reply within 24 hours.

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