

Searching for a job in Heilbronn-Franken

Job seekers visa

Third country nationals can apply for a job seekers visa for six months

- Requirements
 - University degree
 - Sufficient financial means to sustain yourself for the time of the visa and health insurance

If the job hunt was successful, there is no need to leave the country again. The work permit (Aufenthaltstitel zum Zwecke der Erwerbstätigkeit) or the Blue Card EU can be applied for directly in Germany.

Important !

With the job seekers visa you are not allowed to work. Before starting the new job you have to ask for a work permit at the local foreigners office (Ausländerbehörde) which is why you should plan ahead.

University graduates

Citizens from third countries, who graduated successfully from a German university, can search for a job in Germany immediately after their studies. The job has to be according to their qualifications. For searching the job, you have a maximum of 18 months during which you have full access to the labour market.

Important !

The date of a university graduate degree depends on the particular examination regulations. Usually this is the written announcement of the successful passing of your final exam; the date of your removal from the register of students (Exmatrikulation) does not matter. From that point in time, you have a maximum of 18 months during which you have full access to the labor market.

Graduates of non-academic trainings

Foreigners who made a vocational training in Germany can stay in Germany for a year to search for a job according to their qualifications. In this period of time they are allowed to work to earn a living.

Searching for a job in the region Heilbronn-Franken

- Job platform for academics in the region Heilbronn-Franken: www.regiojobs24.de
- Section of the regional newspaper with job offers: <http://www.jobstimme.de/>
- Employment section in the regional newspaper Südwest, which includes other newspapers such as Haller Tageblatt (Schwäbisch Hall), Hohenloher Tagblatt (Crailsheim) und Tauber Zeitung (Bad Mergentheim): <http://jobs.swp.de/>
- Employment section of the regional newspaper Main-Post, which also includes Tauberbischofsheim <http://jobs.mainpost.de/>
- Employment section of the regional newspaper Main-Post, which also includes Wertheim: <http://jobs.main-netz.de/>
- Employment section sorted according to cities of the newspaper Fränkische Nachrichten, which includes the Main-Tauber region: <http://www.jobmorgen.de/jobs-orte>
- Platform of the IHK (Industrie- und Handelskammer = Chamber of Industry and Commerce) with vocational trainings (regional search by adding the postal code): <https://www.ihk-lehrstellenboerse.de/>
- Platform of the HWK (Handwerkskammer = Chamber of Crafts) with vocational trainings in the region Heilbronn-Franken: <http://hwk-heilbronn-service.de/modules/lbo/index.php>

Nationwide search:

- The Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) provides the best-known official job portal in Germany. You can choose between German, English and French for the website navigation, but job offers are usually in German: <https://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de/>
- Job listings of the Website Make-it-in-Germany: www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/making-it/job-listings/
- Platform with job offers within the EU: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures>
- Job offers in the social economy: <http://welcome-center-sozialwirtschaft-bw.de/offene-stellen/>

German companies often publish job advertisements on commercially operated websites. This is a selection of these websites:

- Jobscout24: www.jobs.de
- Monster: www.monster.de
- Stepstone: www.stepstone.de
- The Local (job offers for English speakers): www.thelocal.de
- Job listings in daily newspapers such as Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung: www.fazjobs.net or www.jobszeit.de

Especially for academics there are the following platforms with job offers from research and academia:

- Academic Positions: <http://academicpositions.de>
- Academics: www.academics.de
- Wissensmanagement Online: www.wissenschaftsmanagement-online.de
- Akadeus (in English also including job offers from other countries): www.akadeus.com

Important !

We recommend you to read newspaper advertisement but also to look for companies directly and to apply for a job even though there may not be a job offer. This is called an unsolicited application (Initiativbewerbung).

Tips and information

Please find below some addresses providing tips and information concerning working in Germany:

- The website www.make-it-in-germany.com gives a lot of important information about searching for job vacancies in Germany, e.g.: <http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/working/guide-to-working-in-germany/looking-for-a-job/>
- Website of another Welcome Center in Baden-Württemberg with further information on the application process: <http://www.welcomecenter-neckaralb.com/start.oscms/0/963/2033/Application.html>
- Website of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees: <http://www.bamf.de/EN/Migration/Arbeiten/arbeiten-node.html>
- Brochure of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees in regard to the entry to Germany etc.: http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/EN/Publikationen/Broschueren/bildung-und-beruf-in-deutschland.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

Further information on the topics of living and working in Germany can be found in the following brochures:

- BAMF: Welcome to Germany- Information for Immigrants
- BA/ ZAV: Germany. Right in the middle of it. A guide to living and working in Germany.
- WHF: Standortmagazin Heilbronn-Franken
- Make it in Germany: Guide to "Working in Germany"

If you have questions or suggestions, you can contact the Team of the **Welcome Center Heilbronn-Franken** at any time:

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