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Resident Permit Extension

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Once you have completed your studies, you are cordially invited to put your specialist knowledge to good use in Germany.

Germany offers attractive residence permits which enable you to accept a job which befits your line and level of studies. You can obtain them in just two steps:

Step 1 – Residence permit while looking for a job: You can apply for an 18-month [Residence permit](#) from your local [foreign nationals' registration office](#) to look for a job that corresponds to your qualifications. During these 18 months, you may take up any kind of employment to support yourself and fund your job search. If you already found a job that corresponds to your qualifications before graduating, you can jump this step. You can apply for your [Residence permit](#) as soon as you have passed your final exam.

Step 2 – Residence permit for taking up employment: As soon as you have a job offer which corresponds to your qualifications, you can choose whether you want to apply for a German [Residence permit](#) or an [EU Blue Card](#) for the next part of your stay. Various conditions are attached to both these residence permits. Depending on what you are planning to do in the future, either the German [Residence permit](#) or the [EU Blue Card](#) can be advantageous for you. If you intend subsequently to live and work in another EU state, the [EU Blue Card](#) may be more advantageous for you than the German [Residence permit](#). As the choice of [Residence permit](#) largely depends on your personal situation, get the advice of your local foreign nationals' registration office when you apply.

Official complete explanation about the applicable rights of residence and application is here in [Staying in Germany](#).

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