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Information sheet: National visa

Speciality chef

Basic information

- For general information please see our website https://lusaka.diplo.de/zm-en/service and our Visa Navigator https://visa.diplo.de/en/#/vib
- Documents not in the German/ English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is not required.
- All documents must be presented as original, certificates must be presented with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- **Processing time is approx. 4-8 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please book your flights only when you have received your visa.
- The Embassy reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the Embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

General information

Speciality chefs can be issued with a residence permit to work on a full-time basis in speciality restaurants. They must be nationals of the country whose cuisine the restaurant offers. If you can provide proof of qualified vocational training recognised in Germany, you can also apply for a residence permit for a skilled worker with vocational training.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.

Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Lusaka

Visa application checklist The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.		**Missing**
	Two (2) fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act	
	Where applicable, two (2) declarations fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney	
	Two (2) recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)	
	Valid passport (personally signed with at least two (2) completely empty pages)	
	Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport	
	Completed form signed by your employer: **Declaration of employment** (original with two (2) copies)	
	Description of the speciality restaurant in Germany with two (2) copies	
	Menu of the speciality restaurant in Germany with two (2) copies	
	Complete curriculum vitae in table form in German with one (1) copy	
	Proof of completion of foreign vocational training (duration: at least 2 years) at a recognised training institute (original and two (2) copies). Notification from the agency responsible for recognition in Germany is not necessary.	
	Proof of at least two years of practical work as a chef in qualified places of work following vocational training or – if no training is possible in a vocational college in the country of origin – at least six years of work as a chef in qualified places of work (for example, employment references) in the country of origin including the full name and current telephone number of the employer as well as commercial register/business licence (original and two (2) copies)	
	Proof of adequate health insurance cover If as an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and enter into employment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to employment beginning and prior to being eligible for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.	
Applicant of a nationality other than Zambian		
	Zambian residence permit	
Fee		
	Processing fee of 75€. Payable in ZMW and cash only.	
Completeness of application		
The application is complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.		
Declaration when applications are not complete: I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless. _____ place, date, signature		