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Settlement permit issued for highly qualified specialists

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Leistungsschlüssel	99010003001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Settlement permit issued for highly qualified specialists
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for a settlement permit for highly qualified specialists
Typisierung	3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	

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Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	01.07.2025
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	Section 18c paragraph 3 Residence Act (AufenthG) www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_18c.html
Teaser	As a highly qualified professional with a completed degree, you can apply for a settlement permit in certain cases.
Volltext	If you want to work in Germany as a highly qualified professional, you can, in special cases, apply for a permanent residence permit in the form of a settlement permit immediately after entering the country. The settlement permit is a permanent residence permit. It allows you to work and live anywhere in Germany, and there are generally no additional requirements.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	Valid passport or passport replacement Visa, if required for entry Biometric passport photo in electronic form You can have your passport photo taken on-site. A photo booth is available. Proof of securing your livelihood (e.g., proof of income, employment contract, equity, pension certificate, proof of receipt of benefits such as parental or child benefit, maintenance payments) Proof of health insurance coverage (e.g. confirmation of health insurance coverage or insurance policy) Proof of special qualifications or professional experience (e.g. training certificates, certificates, employment references) Employment contract or binding job offer when exercising a regulated profession, in addition: Professional licensing (e.g., license to practice medicine, professional permit) Recognition of the foreign university degree by the competent authority You must submit the documents in German. In individual cases, the responsible authority may require fewer or more documents from you.
Voraussetzungen	You have an academic degree, which means you have a German university degree, a recognized foreign

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university degree or a foreign university degree that is comparable to a German university degree. You belong to the group of highly qualified specialists, which means that you are, for example, Scientist with special technical knowledge, Teacher in a prominent position and have, for example, a chair or the directorship of an institute scientific staff in a prominent position and carry out independent projects that go beyond the usual tasks and lead scientific departments, project or working groups. You have an employment contract or a specific job offer. You have at least 2 years of professional experience. Their integration into German society is to be expected (for example due to good German language skills, previous stays in Germany or international experience). You can secure your livelihood and health insurance coverage from your income without relying on public benefits.

Kosten

Processing fee: 147.00 EUR Biometric photo taken on-site: 6.00 EUR

Verfahrensablauf

You use the online service "Residence Permit Hamburg" to apply for a settlement permit and upload the required documents. If you need to submit additional documents, please do so via the service portal "Resolve issues regarding your residence permit". The responsible office will then send you an appointment for an interview. Please bring all necessary documents, preferably in original, to the appointment. The responsible authority will check your identity and documents. The competent authority shall involve other authorities where necessary. If your application is approved, your fingerprints, signature and a biometric photo will be taken to produce the electronic residence permit (eAT). The responsible authority commissions an external agency, the Federal Printing Office, to produce your eAT. As soon as the eAT is ready, you will receive a notification and can pick it up in person from the responsible office. The responsible office will schedule an appointment for you. If the application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice with the reasons for the rejection.

Bearbeitungsdauer

Processing will begin immediately at the appointment if all documents are complete. The delivery time for the

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	electronic residence permit from the Federal Printing Office is typically two to four weeks.
Frist	Submit your application at least 8 weeks before your current residence permit expires. The settlement permit is valid indefinitely. The card issued through this (eAT) is valid for 10 years and must then be updated.
weiterführende Informationen	https://welcome.hamburg.de/ https://welcome.hamburg.de/
Hinweise	As a rule, the granting of a settlement permit requires prior residence in Germany. Without prior residence, a settlement permit is only granted in exceptional cases. High qualifications alone are not sufficient to qualify as a special exception. The competent authority makes the decision based on the circumstances of each individual case.
Rechtsbehelf	Contradiction Action before the administrative court
Kurztext	In special cases, anyone who wishes to work as a highly qualified professional can apply for a permanent residence permit in the form of a settlement permit immediately after entering the country. Settlement permit is a permanent residence permit entitles the holder to pursue gainful employment, is geographically unlimited and generally contains no ancillary provisions
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	Department of Home Affairs and Sport
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link is only available in german)