

Welcome to Nuremberg

Information for skilled workers from abroad





Ladies and Gentlemen,

Have you recently moved to Nuremberg or are considering living and working in Nuremberg? This cosmopolitan city of half a million people, which lies in the heart of the greater 3.5 million European metropolitan region, welcomes you, your ideas and experience.

Nuremberg has considerable potential as a stronghold in the areas of high-tech, industrial and innovative service. The active start-up sector, global players, hidden champions, dynamic service providers, sustainable production sites and small enterprises all require well-trained professional talent. The city is growing. Employment opportunities are growing. And Nuremberg also hosts a variety of cultural activities.

Nuremberg offers all of the advantages of a modern, cosmopolitan city with high living standards. Between tradition and innovation, urban culture and intact nature, Nuremberg offers excellent living and working conditions. Best prospects for turning opportunities into success.

On the following pages you will find useful information that will help you get started in Nuremberg and ease the transition into daily life. Therefore I encourage you: Make the most of what is presented and discover the "Plus" for your success.

If you have big plans for the future, then welcome to Nuremberg!

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A SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS LOCATION NUREMBERG

Business Location Nuremberg

For centuries, Nuremberg has been the home to inventive genius and entrepreneurial spirit. Today the city is an important center for high-tech, industrial and innovative service industries. Established economic sectors in the areas of IT, transportation, automation, medicine, health care, energy and environment all contribute to the success of Nuremberg. Technology-driven services and contributions from the cultural and creative industries rank among the strongest growth sectors of the economy. This contributes to the region ranking among the most dynamic high-tech centers of Europe.

Positive Future Prospects.

As one of the largest economic regions, Nuremberg offers a diverse and stable business structure. The area maintains an active start-up sector, a wealth of global players and hidden champions in all of the sustainable high-tech and industry sectors, dynamic service providers, modern production sites and small enterprises. This balanced mix creates an excellent economic base for vocational success and ideal conditions for well-trained professionals.

A step ahead of the dynamics of innovation.

Continuous global change, digitized economies, growing scarcity of resources: The groundbreaking answers to the challenges of the future are developing in Nuremberg. The principle of open innovation supports networking and the transfer of know-how among leaders and trendsetters in the scientific, research and business sectors. Within a 100 km radius, there are over 30 universities with more than 150,000 students. Ideal conditions for getting future markets moving.

Nuremberg's success is based on balance.

Not only are the working conditions in Nuremberg optimal, living here is also an exceptional experience. Here a half-million residents enjoy a high quality of life with all of the benefits of a modern, cosmopolitan city. From its vast array of recreational activities and its exciting cultural life, Nuremberg offers something for everyone throughout the year.

Identifying and promoting potential. (Creative thinking + Progress)

New ideas are the foundation of all innovation. Through open dialogue and hands-on support, Nuremberg provides the "extra plus" that is required to turn opportunity into success. By attracting and actively promoting talent, continuously improving framework conditions and offering new prospects to professionals in all areas, Nuremberg is well on the way to becoming the innovation capital of the future. Be a part of it!

More information about the Business Location Nuremberg can be found at:
www.wirtschaft.nuernberg.de

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A IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS

Before you can **live** and **work** in Nuremberg, there are several subjects that must be promptly addressed. The next section provides an overview of the important initial steps that need to be taken at the local level.

1. Resident Registry Office and Registration Card

New citizens of Nuremberg must record a valid address at the Resident Registry Office (Einwohneramt) within one and one-half weeks of arrival. This also applies to accompanying family members. The registration must be completed in person with a passport or an identity card or may be submitted by mail. An official registration form must be used when completing this task. Power of attorney, or the nomination of proxy, is not possible.

Contact:

Stadt Nürnberg

Einwohneramt - Einwohnerwesen

Äußere Laufer Gasse 25, 90403 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-47 00

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-28 51

Opening hours:

Mondays and Thursdays from

8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Tuesdays from 8:00 am until 18:00 pm

Wednesdays and Fridays from

8:00 am until 12:30 pm

Further consultation available by appointment

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/einwohneramt>

2. Immigration Authority and Resident Permit

Provided that you entered Germany with a visa, you must submit a request for a Resident Permit with employment permissions to the Immigration Authority before the visa expires. It is recommended that appointments are made at least four to six weeks in advance of this date.

Entry to Germany - Visa or no visa?

Citizens of the European Union do not require a visa. The same applies to countries belonging to the European Economic Area, otherwise known as EWR countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. Visas are also not required for citizens of the so-called privileged countries of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand and the United States. While citizens from these countries do not need a visa, they nonetheless require the residency and work permits available for application at the Immigration Authority.

The electronic residency permit (eAT) was introduced on September 1, 2011. The eAT records biometric data; therefore applications must be made in person. The application process incurs various fees. Cost inquiries can be made at the Immigration Authority.

The following documents are required for the application process:

- Valid passport
- Proof of secured income
- Sufficient accommodation
- Health insurance coverage
- Proof of residency purpose; for example, an employment contract

Contact:

Stadt Nürnberg
Einwohneramt - Ausländerwesen
Allgemeine Ausländerangelegenheiten

Hirschelgasse 32, 90403 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-47 00

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-57 77, 2 31-57 81

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/einwohneramt/auslaenderwesen.html>

Opening hours:

Monday through Friday from
8:30 am until 12:30 pm
and by appointment

The “EU Blue Card”

The “EU Blue Card” is a temporary resident permit available to skilled workers for living and working in Germany. The policy of the European Union was implemented into German law on August 1, 2012 through the adoption of the highly-qualified directives.

Third-country nationals may also apply for the “EU Blue Card” Third-country nationals are citizens from all countries, excepting the European Union, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

- German university degree or an internationally accepted degree or diploma, which is comparable to the traditional German degree.
- A current annual gross salary of at least 47,600 Euro. However, the gross salary may be less (at least 37,128 Euro) in the case of shortage occupations (for example, skilled workers in the areas of natural sciences, mathematics, engineering, medicine and information or communication technologies).

The income requirements have been calculated for the year 2014 and may be subject to change!

3. Money and Banking

Opening a bank account

You need a German bank account to access your wages or to rent an apartment. It is recommended that you call the financial institution of your choice to set up an appointment for opening a bank account. In most cases, the following documents are required:

- Registration card from the Resident Registry Office (Einwohneramt)
- Resident permit
- Valid personal identification card/passport
- Wage statement from employer, if applicable

With these documents, you may apply for a checking account and an EC card at the bank of your choice.

It pays to compare

Many banks charge different fees, from either account management to individual money transfers. Some banks may also issue fees unless every month a set amount of money (approximately the monthly wage) is not deposited into the account. Therefore, it pays to compare the various conditions when choosing a bank.

Online-Banking

An alternative to a checking account is an online account. These accounts may be opened either through the internet or at the post office. An online account functions similarly to a German checking account and likewise offers IBAN and BIC payments. Money transfers to and from foreign countries are also possible.

Debit/Bank Cards

At a cash machine, you may withdraw money at any time with your EC Card and your four-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). You will receive your PIN by mail from your bank after you have opened an account. You can pay with an EC Card at most businesses and gas stations. However, it is advisable to always have some cash on hand: Germany still strongly relies on cash transactions. Small sums in stores and restaurants are most often still paid in cash.

4. National Insurance

Germany is home to a well-established social welfare system. As an employee contributing to the statutory national insurance system, you are protected against general risks such as illness, occupational accidents, unemployment or old age. Following is a list of the benefits of the national social security system:

- **The statutory health insurance** pays the cost of visiting a doctor as well as the costs of medicine and therapeutic measures.
- **The statutory nursing insurance** offers basic coverage in the event that you require nursing care as a result of an illness. This usually applies to the elderly.
- **The statutory annuity insurance** pays employees a pension upon retirement. The sum of the pension corresponds to the contributions paid into the annuity fund.
- **The statutory indemnity/accident insurance** covers the expenses for medical treatment and rehabilitation after an accident on the job or an occupational illness.
- **The statutory unemployment insurance** provides income for a set period of time for the unemployed, generally when the individual has been insured for at least one year within the past two year period and continues to seek work. In addition, the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit, BA) offers consultation and referral services to anyone seeking work.

National insurance employees are service providers for questions concerning the social welfare system. As a municipal insurance agency, the services of the insurance agency are available to all citizens of Nuremberg. The services are also available to individuals working in Nuremberg, regardless of location of residence.

Contact:

Versicherungsamt der Stadt Nürnberg

Hirschelgasse 32, 90403 Nürnberg

(Level 4, Rm. 4.03)

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-29 25

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-34 43

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/einwohneramt/sozialversicherung.html>

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from

8:30 am until 3:30 pm

Wednesday and Friday from

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

5. Family Benefits, Bavarian Centre for Families and Social Affairs (ZBFS)

In Germany, foreign nationals may receive child benefits as long as they have a permanent resident permit or additional residency documents. Citizens of the European Union and selected other countries may be eligible for child benefits without a permanent resident permit. More information is available at the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit, BA) under family benefits.

In most cases, the following documents are required for application:

- Completed and signed application
- Birth certificate
- Written declaration of child's membership in household
- Child's school, vocational training or university records
- If applicable, income statement of the child

Contact:

Familienkasse Nürnberg

Solgerstraße 1, 90429 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)8 00 / 4 55 55 30

(Child benefits and supplementary allowances)

Telephone: +49 (0)8 00 / 4 55 55 33 (payment dates)

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 5 29 39 97

E-Mail: familienkasse-nuernberg@arbeitsagentur.de

<http://www.familienkasse-info.de/>

Opening hours - personal consultation:

Monday through Thursday from

8:00 am until 12:30 pm,

Closed Fridays

Telephone hours:

Monday through Friday from

8:00 am until 18:00 pm. The call is free

The Bavarian Centre for Families and Social Affairs (Zentrum Bayern Familie und Soziales, ZBFS) is the main information contact on subjects such as paternity leave, parental benefits or childcare allowances. It also answers questions concerning disability and integration in the workplace. The regional headquarters are located in Bayreuth, with a branch office in Nuremberg.

Contact:

Bavarian Centre for Families and Social Affairs

Service Point Nürnberg

Roonstraße 22, 90429 Nürnberg

The telephone numbers vary depending on subject matter. See the following website for the appropriate contact information:

<http://www.zbfs.bayern.de/behoerde/regionalstellen/mittelfranken/index.php>

6. Driving Licence

Citizens of the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland are not required to have driving licences transferred. Driving privileges remain as in the native country. However, transcriptions can be performed on a voluntary basis. Exceptions include temporary five-year licences for trucks and buses (Classes C and D). In the case that one has held an unrestricted foreign driving licence over five years, then trucks and buses may only be driven an additional six months. This applies to trucks over 7,5 t (Classes C1 and C1E), and for drivers over 50 years of age.

Third-country citizens and selected other states, according to Sections 28 and 31 under Annex 11 of the German Driving Licence Regulations (Fahrerlaubnisverordnung FeV), are permitted to drive with their existing driving licence for six months after establishing legal residence in Germany. An extension of the six-month period is possible when the driver can prove that they will not be residing in Germany for longer than 12 months. After this time period, a German driving licence is required. Generally, members of third countries must pass a theoretical and practical exam when transferring foreign-issued driving licences. The exams may be partially or wholly waived for citizens of countries described in Annex 11 under Sections 28 und 31 of the FeV. The German driving licence will only be issued upon surrender of the foreign licence.

Contact:

**Stadt Nürnberg - Ordnungsamt
Fahrerlaubnisse - Führerscheine**
Innerer Laufer Platz 3, 90403 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-32 34
Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-32 81

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from
8:00 am until 3:30 pm,
Wednesday and Friday from
8:00 am until 12:30 pm
Also by appointment

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/ordnungsamt/fuehrerscheine.html>

7. Commercial Activities

Private businesses must be registered. Registration requirements apply not only to company headquarters, but also to branch offices or stores. Registration is also required for part-time commercial activity. Selected commercial enterprises also require permits (for example, restaurants, travel, security, auction trading and real estate industries, pawn shops and property developers). All managing partners in business structures such as BGB, oHG, and KG are considered suppliers or sellers.

The beginning of a commercial enterprise must be indicated as well as any changes in business activity or operating facilities within the City of Nuremberg. Closure or relocation to another municipality must also be reported. For the registration, there is a standardized national form.

Contact:

**Stadt Nürnberg – Ordnungsamt
Sachgebiet Gewerbewesen**

Innerer Laufer Platz 3, 90403 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-1 04 40

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-68 60

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/ordnungsamt/gewerbe.html>

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from

8:00 am until 3:30 pm

Wednesday and Friday from

8:00 am until 12:30 pm

Also by appointment

8. Authentication of Documents

With the authentication of **documents**, it is officially confirmed that a copy (Abschrift) matches the original record (Urschrift). With the authentication of **signatures**, the validity of the signatures is officially confirmed.

The Citizen Information Center (BürgerInformationsZentrum, BIZ) of the City of Nuremberg is entitled to officially verify copies (Abschriften) when the original document was issued by a public authority or when the duplicate is required for submission by such authorities; for example, with school and college degrees and vocational training certificates. Work references, training certificates, foreign birth records and marriage licences may also be officially authenticated.

Signatures may be verified when the signed, written document is required for presentation at the issuing authority. The signature must be made in the presence of an employee of the BIZ. Private contracts, financial and inheritance affairs (public authentications) may only be made by notary officials. With some documents, the approval of the validity of the copy may only be made by official authorities.

Please only bring original documents. The BIZ is required to make a copy of the original, which is created in-house from the existing document.

Contact:

Stadt Nürnberg

BürgerInformationsZentrum

Hauptmarkt 18, 90403 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-55 55, 2 31-32 22

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-51 90

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/buergerinfo/beglaubigungen.html>

Opening hours:

Monday through Thursday from

8:00 am until 17:00 pm

Friday from 8:00 am until 14:00 pm

1. Housing

Whether it is a rental, bought or furnished property, Nuremberg offers a **wide array of residential choices** throughout the city in every price range. There are several options available in the first few weeks, before you have found an apartment. On average, hotels cost roughly 70 Euros per night in Nuremberg. A short-term furnished, two to three-room apartment costs approximately 400 to 1,000 Euro per month, depending on location. The Nuremberg youth hostel costs between 28 und 38 Euros per night. In addition, there are micro-apartments and boarding houses available in various price categories. Housing options can be found in the classified section of the newspaper or on real estate platforms, including:

<http://www.nordbayern.de/nuernberger-nachrichten>
<http://www.nordbayern.de/nuernberger-zeitung>
<http://www.immowelt.de> and www.immobilienscout24.de

The City of Nuremberg assists applicants in **subsidized housing placement** as long as certain conditions are met. Amongst other requirements, financial eligibility must be established. More information can be found on the following website.

Contact:

**Stadt Nürnberg - Amt für Existenzsicherung
und soziale Integration - Sozialamt Nürnberg
Bereich Wohngeld und Wohnungsvermittlung**

Marienstraße 6, 90402 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-21 95

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-57 57

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/sozialamt/wohngeldundwohnungsvermittlung.html>

Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from
8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday from
12:30 pm until 3:30 pm

2. Health and medical care

As an employee, you are automatically medically insured - either as a member of the statutory health insurance program or with a private insurance group. If you become sick, the health insurance company pays the costs of medical treatment. The basic coverage of the statutory insurance program includes the following services:

- Outpatient medical treatment, for example, in physicians' offices
- Dental care
- Medicine, remedies and aids

- Inpatient care and treatment, for example, in a hospital
- Medically-necessary rehabilitation
- Birth services for expectant mothers

There is free choice of medical practitioners in Germany. This means you are allowed to choose your own doctor. You only need to present your electronic health card, a type of insurance identification, when visiting a doctor.

Little or no costs are personally incurred as a member of the statutory health insurance system since the physician directly bills the insurance company. Nuremberg has a vast network of hospitals, doctors' offices and pharmacies.

A list of hospitals and clinics in Nuremberg is found on the following website:
<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/gesundheitsamt/kliniken.html>

As the largest municipal clinic, the Nuremberg Hospital treats yearly 100,000 inpatient and just under 90,000 outpatient at both locations in the north and south of the city.

The Nuremberg Hospital has a website in English with specific information.
http://www.klinikum-nuernberg.de/EN/patients_visitors/index.html

In an **emergency** there are two possibilities: When in doubt, you should dial the **telephone number 112** with serious illnesses. This is the number for ambulance and rescue services. In less serious cases, you may go directly to the emergency room of a hospital. Emergency services are available around the clock.

Options are available for medical emergencies outside of consultation hours. The largest on-call medical clinic in Nuremberg is located in the adcom-Center near the main train station. Here consultation and treatment is available from general practitioners as well as specialists.

Contact:

Ärztliche Bereitschaftspraxis Nürnberg
 Bahnhofstraße 11a, 90402 Nürnberg
 Telephone: +49 (0) 18 05 / 19 12 12

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from
 7:00 am until 11:00 pm
 Wednesday from 2:00 pm until 11:00 pm
 Saturday, Sunday and holidays from
 8:00 am until 11:00 pm

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/stadtportal/notdienste.html>

3. Childcare, Schools and Families

Day care facilities

Children from the ages of 0 to 3 are cared for by trained practitioners in a **crèche or nursery**. These may be supported by either private, public or religious organizations. The **kindergarten** is the appropriate facility for children between 3 und 6 years of age. Costs differ and availability varies depending on the location within Nuremberg.

Another possibility for childcare is an independent day care provider (Tagesmutter or Tagesvater). Generally these providers care for several children within a private household.

There are registration deadlines and waiting periods for nurseries and kindergartens in Nuremberg. Therefore it is recommended to contact providers early to register on the waiting lists.

Contact:

**Stadt Nürnberg - Amt für Kinder,
Jugendliche und Familien - Jugendamt
Kinderbetreuung**

Dietzstraße 4, 90443 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-66 91

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-28 31

<http://www.jugendamt.nuernberg.de/kindertageseinrichtungen/plaetze.html>

<http://www.jugendamt.nuernberg.de/kindertageseinrichtungen/tagespflege.htm>

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from

8:30 am until 3:30 pm

Wednesday and Friday from

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Also by appointment

The index, **Kitas A bis Z**, contains all of Nuremberg's nursery facilities. The list is organized by the first letter of the street name and can be found under:

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/kinderbetreuung/a.html>

The "Servicestelle Kitaplatz" at the child welfare office offers support in locating available childcare and also provides consultation in English.

<http://www.kitaplatz.nuernberg.de>

There are many family education centers (**Familienbildungsstätten**) in Nuremberg. Selected facilities are also internationally-oriented and offer information, consultation, courses and events for the entire family.

<http://www.familienbildung.nuernberg.de>

Nuremberg is a family-friendly city. In 2001, the first "Alliance for Families" (**Bündnis für Familie**) in Germany was launched here. As a family-friendly city, a proper life-work balance is important in Nuremberg.

http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/buendnis_fuer_familie/

Schools

In Germany, education is compulsory. Children between the ages of six and eighteen years must attend school. Transitional classes are available if the child cannot understand German well enough to participate. There is intensive German language support in the transitional classes that prepares the children for the school system. The state education authority (Staatliche Schulamt) is the responsible government entity.

Contact:

Staatliches Schulamt in der Stadt Nürnberg

Lina-Ammon-Straße 28, 90471 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-1 06 84

If your child can speak German well enough to follow school lessons and instructions, then it is possible to attend the local district school for children from ages six to ten years.

http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/statistik/nbg_grundschulsprenkel.html

In Bavaria, there are several types and levels of schooling available for children from ten years old and onward. The state school guidance center for Middle Franconia provides support.

Contact:

Staatliche Schulberatungsstelle für Mittelfranken

Glockenhofstraße 51, 90478 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-5 86 76 10

Compulsory school attendance also applies to international and private schools. Generally, attending these types of schools is not free of cost.

4. Integration course, Language courses

Speaking German is necessary for active participation in everyday life and the labour market. Adequate language skills are required for successful integration.

The integration course is designed for those new to Nuremberg who lack the necessary German language speaking skills to handle everyday situations. The course may be voluntary or required, depending on the participant's country of origin and German language ability.

Every **integration course** includes a **language course** and an **orientation course** and totals 660 hours of instruction. The language course lasts 600 hours in order to provide students with sufficient knowledge of the German language. The remaining 60 hours of orientation addresses the legal system, culture and the history of Germany. Participation costs 792 Euros (1.20 Euro per hour of instruction).

The cost of the course may be waived to recipients of social assistance benefits under the SGB II (basic support for employment seekers) or beneficiaries of subsistence allowances under the SGB XII.

Who is eligible for Integration courses?

The Residence Act Section 44a, defines the conditions under which foreign nationals may be required to attend an integration course. Among others, deficits in basic German language skills are considered grounds for such a determination.

According to the Residence Act Section 44, adult foreign nationals that permanently reside in Bavaria are legally entitled to attend an integration course when they already hold a residency permit with work permissions, and either demonstrate need based on humanitarian grounds or in the context of family reunification, or have long-term residency status (EU). Eligibility of participation is verified by the registry office under the foreign national department.

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge, BAMF) offers courses for other foreign nationals and their family members, provided space is available. Until recently, German citizens were not legally entitled to participation in integration courses, with the exception of ethnic German immigrants.

With the revision of Section 44, Paragraph 4 of the Residence Act, it is now possible for German citizens in need of integration services (for example, for those brought up abroad) to attend such courses.

Further details:

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/einwohneramt/auslaenderwesen.html>

<http://www.bamf.de/DE/Willkommen/willkommen-node.html>

An overview of integration services in Nuremberg is found on the website of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees: <http://webgis.bamf.de>

Information and online-booking for integration courses at the Education and Training Center (Bildungszentrum, BZ) of the City of Nuremberg:

<http://www.bz.nuernberg.de/grundbildung/fachgruppe/migration-und-integration.html>

5. Recognition of foreign professional qualifications

The “Law for the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications” (Berufsqualifikationsfeststellungsgesetz, BQFG) became effective on April 1, 2012. It established the legal entitlement of the review process for the recognition of equivalency of foreign vocational qualifications with comparable German professions.

Certification authorities are available nationwide for verification of foreign vocational qualifications. The existing responsibilities of chambers and public authorities have not changed with the adaptation of the BQFG. It is often difficult for persons requiring foreign certification to

find the appropriate location for services. Therefore, nationwide contact points have been established. These contact points provide an initial orientation on the recognition process and refer individuals to the appropriate certification locations.

Contact:

Zentrale Servicestelle zur Erschließung ausländischer Qualifikationen in der Metropolregion Nürnberg (ZAQ) - Beratungsstelle Anerkennungsgesetz

Untere Talgasse 8, 90403 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-39 78

E-Mail: anerkennung@stadt.nuernberg.de

<http://www.migranet.org/migranet/migranet-nuernberg/anerkennungsberatung>

<http://bz.nuernberg.de>

Telephone Support:

Tuesdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm and

Thursdays from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm

Consultation available by appointment

The **IHK FOSA** (Foreign Skills Approval) is a nationwide center of the German chambers of commerce and industry for the recognition of foreign vocational qualifications. They accept requests for certification and verify the equivalency of foreign qualifications with applicable German counterparts.

Contact:

IHK FOSA

Ulmenstraße 52g, 90443 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 81 50 60

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 81 50 61 00

E-Mail: info@ihk-fosa.de

<http://www.ihk-fosa.de>

Opening hours:

Monday through Thursday from

9:00 am until 12:00 pm and

from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Fridays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

Consultation available by appointment

The **Handwerkskammer für Mittelfranken** (HWK) conducts assessments of equivalence in the fields of crafts and trades. Here foreign and German manual skills qualifications are reviewed and equivalency established. Procedural information is also available.

Contact:

Handwerkskammer für Mittelfranken

Sulzbacher Straße 11 - 15, 90489 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 53 09-2 49

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 53 09-3 33

<https://www.hwk-mittelfranken.de/artikel/gesetz-75,1011,2515.html>

Opening hours:

Monday through Thursday from

7:30 am until 4:00 pm

Fridays from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm

The **Federal Office for Migration and Refugees** (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge, BAMF) operates a telephone hotline that answers questions concerning the recognition of foreign professional qualifications. The consultation is available in German or English and information is provided on the recognition process of foreign qualifications in Germany. Equivalency assessments may not be conducted by telephone.

Contact:

**Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
(BAMF)**

Frankenstraße 210, 90461 Nürnberg

Telephone hotline: +49 (0) 30 / 18 15 11 11

(standard telephone charges apply)

<http://www.bamf.de/DE/Willkommen/ArbeitBeruf/Anerkennung/erkennung-node.html>

6. Family Migration

Spouses and children of EU citizens may live and work in Germany without restrictions. A special resident permit is not necessary.

Family members of third-country citizens may be granted a **resident permit** in order to establish and preserve family unity. Providing that,

- the family member (whom the relatives are joining, also called the principal member) holds a resident permit,
- has sufficient living quarters, and
- a secure income.

Which steps are required to bring family to Germany ?

- The spouse (and if applicable, children) applies for a resident permit with the intent of family reunion at the German embassy or consulate **in the home country**. Because the process takes time, it is important to familiarize yourself with the required documents and submit the application in a timely manner.
- Family members must be reported at the registry office and the responsible immigration authority upon arrival **in Germany**. You will need to compile passports, birth and marriage certificates, income or tax statements, as well rental evidence and other documents relevant to the circumstances of the family.

The resident permit of joining family members also entitles recipients to be gainfully employed (Resident Act, Section 27, Paragraph 5).

Does my family have to be able to speak German?

In most cases, the spouse must demonstrate basic German language skills in order to receive a resident permit. However, there are a number of exceptions to this general rule. Spouses may receive a resident permit despite lacking German language skills when

- You hold an "EU Blue Card",
- you are employed as a highly-qualified researcher or scientist or are self-employed, and the marriage occurred before relocation to Germany, and
- when there is a recognizable minimal integration requirement (for example, when the spouse holds an advanced degree),
- you are a citizen of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand or the United States of America.

Further information:

http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Publikationen/Broschueren/bildung-und-beruf-in-deutschland.pdf?__blob=publicationFile#page=28

http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Publikationen/Broschueren/bildung-und-beruf-in-deutschland.pdf?__blob=publicationFile#page=28

<http://www.bamf.de/DE/Migration/EhepartnerFamilie/ehepartnerfamilie-node.html>

7. Social Engagement and Communities

It is important for many citizens with migrant backgrounds to maintain their cultural and religious heritage. They may also want to teach their children about the traditions, language or religion of their native land. Therefore, it is meaningful to have local contact with fellow compatriots.

There are numerous intercultural meeting places and immigrant organizations in Nuremberg. Here people from different backgrounds, cultures, religions, age groups and nationalities can get together. In addition to social involvement, these organizations offer a variety of international activities - such as cultural festivals, recreational programs, sports, and educational and training support.

Contact:

Stadt Nürnberg
Geschäftsstelle des Integrationsrates
Internationales Haus

Hans-Sachs-Platz 2, 90403 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-31 85

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-85 16

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/integrationsrat>

Opening hours:

Monday through Thursday from

8:30 am until 3:30 pm

Fridays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm

Stadt Nürnberg
Amt für Kultur und Freizeit
Interkultur-Büro
Gewerbemuseumsplatz 1, 90403 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-38 48
Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-81 66
<http://www.kuf-kultur.de/weitere-kuf-einrichtungen/inter-kultur-buero/angebote-fuer-migrantenvereine.html>

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from
8:30 am until 15:30 pm
Wednesday and Friday from
8:30 am until 12:30 pm
and by appointment

Furthermore, in the past few years multiple **business associations** have been established in Nuremberg that directly address issues concerning small commercial enterprises with migrant backgrounds.

MÜSIAD Nürnberg/Nordbayern e.V.
Am Plärrer 33, 90443 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)1 77 / 2 50 25 13
Contact person: Mr. Ümit Sormaz
<http://www.muesiad-nuernberg.de>

Polnische Unternehmer in Nürnberg e.V.
Hintere Insel Schütt 34, 90403 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 6 10 56 88
Contact person: Mr. Leszek Wzorek
<http://www.pu-nbg.de>

**TIAD Deutsch-Türkischer
Unternehmerverein in der Europäischen
Metropolregion Nürnberg e.V.**
Am Plärrer 19 - 21, 90443 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 8 91 72 58
<http://www.tiad.de>

**Verein zur Förderung griechischer
Unternehmen in Bayern e.V.**
Fürther Straße 205, 90409 Nürnberg
Contact person: Mr. Charalampos Oustapasis

Verband russisch-sprachiger Unternehmen in Bayern e.V.
Maxtorgraben 39, 90409 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 36 97 35
Contact person: Mr. Vitali Stab
<http://www.vru-bayern.de>

1. Events

Whether it is traditional celebrations and markets such as the old town festival (Altstadtfest) and the Christmas market (Christkindlesmarkt) or cultural top events such as the "Blue Night" and the "Classic Open Air" or high-calibre sporting events such as the "Norising Race" and Nuremberg's old town cycling race - the range of events in Nuremberg is so diverse that there is something to suit everyone.

Spring Highlights

The Blue Night (Die blaue Nacht)

<http://www.blauenacht.nuernberg.de/English>

Internationale Orgelwoche

Lorenzer Platz, 90402 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 24 46 99-30

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 24 46 99-20

<http://www.ion-musica-sacra.de/en/>

Frühlingsfest

Bayernstraße, 90471 Nürnberg

<http://www.volksfest-nuernberg.de/>

Ostermarkt

Hauptmarkt, 90403 Nürnberg

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/marktamt/ostermarkt.html>

Bayern Rundfahrt - Finale rund um die Nürnberger Altstadt

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/radrennen/>

Summer Highlights

Bardentreffen "Meeting of the Bards"

Germany's largest world music festival

<http://www.bardentreffen.de/en/>

Fränkisches Bierfest im Burggraben

Vestnertorgraben, 90403 Nürnberg

<http://www.bierfest-nuernberg.de/>

Classic Open Air

Luitpoldhain, 90478 Nürnberg

http://www.klassikopenair.de/2015/index_en.php

Musica Franconia

<http://www.musica-franconia.de/>

Fränkischer Sommer

Schlossallee 3, 91183 Abenberg

Telephone: +49 (0) 98 73 / 9 76 98 98

<http://www.fraenkischer-sommer.de/>

Internationales Figurentheaterfestival

Äußere Sulzbacher Straße 60, 90491 Nürnberg

Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-52 97

Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-23 10

<http://www.figurentheaterfestival.de/>

Mittelalterliches Burggrabenfest

Vestnertorgraben, 90403 Nürnberg

<http://www.tucher-spectaculum.de/>

Norising Rennen Speed Weekend

Am Norising, Nürnberg

<http://www.norising.de/cms/website.php>

Summer Highlights

Nürnberger Bratwurstdorf

Trödelmarkt, 90403 Nürnberg
<http://www.nuernberger-bratwuerste.de/>

Rock im Park

One of the largest rock music events in Germany
<http://www.rock-im-park.com/>

Sommer in der City

Der Nürnberger Stadtstrand

Insel Schütt, 90403 Nürnberg
<http://www.sommer-in-der-city.com/>

Nürnberger Versicherungscup

Valznerweiherstraße 200, 90480 Nürnberg
<http://www.nuernberger-versicherungscup.de/>

SommerNachtFilmFestival

The oldest and most comprehensive open-air cinema festival in Germany
<https://www.sommernachtfilmfestival.de/index.php?id=968>

St. Katharina Open Air

Am Katharinenkloster 6, 90403 Nürnberg
<http://www.kunstkulturquartier.de/kunstkulturquartier/festivals/st-katharina-open-air-i/>

Fall Highlights

Altstadtfest

Vordere Insel Schütt, 90403 Nürnberg
<http://www.altstadtfest-nue.de/>

Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften

(every other year)
in Nuremberg, Fuerth and Erlangen
<http://www.nacht-der-wissenschaften.de/2015/home/>

Herbstvolksfest

Bayernstraße, 90471 Nürnberg
<http://www.volksfest-nuernberg.de/>

Nürnberger Stadtlauf

Richard-Wagner-Platz, 90402 Nürnberg
http://stadtlauf_nuernberg/

Der Tag der offenen Tür der Stadt Nürnberg

http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/pr/tag_der_offenen_tuer.html

Herbstmarkt

Hauptmarkt, 90403 Nürnberg
<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/stadtportal/herbstmarkt.html>

Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival (Internationales Menschenrechtsfilmfestival)

Königstraße 93, 90402 Nürnberg
Telephone: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-58 23
Telefax: +49 (0)9 11 / 2 31-83 30
<http://www.filmfestival-der-menschenrechte.de/en/topmenu/home-en/robots.txt.html>

Mittelalterliches Burggrabenfest

Vestnertorgraben, 90403 Nürnberg
<http://www.tucher-spectaculum.de/>

Winter Highlights

Christkindlesmarkt

<http://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en/>

Markt der Partnerstädte

<http://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en/christmas-market/market-of-the-sister-cities>

Nürnberger Kinderweihnacht

<http://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en/for-children>

Nürnberger Silvesterlauf

<http://www.silvesterlauf-nuernberg.de>

More information at: <http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal/kultur/veranstaltungen.html>

2. Programs for Children, Adolescents and Adults

Neighborhood cultural centers

Cultural centers (Kulturladen) are found in many Nuremberg neighborhoods and each reflects the individuality of the location. From the small castle in Almoshof to the modern passive house "südpunkt" in the south, a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities are offered. Whether as a visitor or organizer, these spaces are used for group meetings, courses, concerts, presentations and much more. A new cultural center, "Auf AEG", is planned for the west of Nuremberg in 2016.

Amt für Kultur und Freizeit der Stadt Nürnberg

Gewerbemuseumsplatz 1, 90403 Nürnberg

<http://www.kuf-kultur.de/kulturlaeden>

Musikschule Nürnberg

The music school of Nuremberg provides diverse programs for children as young as 18 months as well as for adolescents and adults. The school offers an ideal environment to network, meet new friends and through musical practice, build self-assurance.

<http://www.musikschule.nuernberg.de>

Field of Experiences for the Senses (Das Erfahrungsfeld der Sinne)

From May through September, "An adventure for all of your senses" is exhibited in the park grounds at Wöhrd Meadows (Wöhrder Wiese) and at the Hirsvogel bunker.

<http://www.erfahrungsfeld.nuernberg.de>

Culture for Children

For children, there are numerous opportunities for cultural participation. Whether it is a theatre performance at the local "Kindertheater ums Eck", seeing, tasting, touching and much more at Field of Experiences for the Senses, or creating art at the "Kinderkunstraum" - here there is something for everyone.

<http://www.kuf-kultur.de>

Kindertheater ums Eck

Performances of the children's theatre are spread over 30 locations throughout the city under the motto "short legs, short distances".

<http://www.kuf-kultur.de/kuf-angebote-projekte/kindertheaterreihe/nuernberger-kindertheaterreihe.html>

Sternenhaus

Taking part with family and friends in the various cultural programs for children at the "Sternenhaus" is especially attractive during the Advent season.

<http://sternenhaus.nuernberg.de>

KinderUni Nürnberg

The course catalogue for the children's university of Nuremberg comes out twice a year, once in September and once in February, for all inquisitive children between the ages of eight and twelve.

<http://www.kinderuni-nuernberg.de>

MUBIKIN

Discovering the world of music with all the senses, makes one smart, strong and perceptive. MUBIKIN opens the door to this world for children and adolescents from Nuremberg.

<http://www.mubikin.nuernberg.de>

Additional cultural offerings for children and adolescents

- Theater Mumpitz: <http://theater-mumpitz.de>
- Theater Pfütze: <http://www.theater-pfuetze.de>
- Theater Salz und Pfeffer: <http://www.salzundpfeffer-theater.de>
- Theater Rootsloffel: <http://www.rootsloeffel.de>
- Kinderkino im Casablanca: <http://casablanca-nuernberg.de/kinderjugend.html>

Festivals

- Festival Panoptikum (über Theater Mumpitz): <http://www.theater-mumpitz.de>
- Festival Lichtblicke (über Gostner Hoftheater): <http://gostner.de/tag/lichtblicke.html>

3. Museums and Exhibitions

Nuremberg offers a multi-faceted selection of museums: From the house of the world-renowned genius Albrecht Dürer to modern art in the Neues Museum, here culture and art enthusiasts find everything their hearts desire. The "Germanisches Nationalmuseum" in Nuremberg houses the largest collection of German art and culture and the Hirsvogel Hall is one of the most important examples of Renaissance architecture north of the Alps.

The Neues Museum and the Kunsthalle exhibit contemporary art. The history and culture of the machine age comes alive at the Museum for Industrial Culture and at the railway museum (DB Museum). The Toy Museum (Spielzeugmuseum) reflects the tradition of the city as a leading manufacturer of toys and the Imperial Castle of Nuremberg (Kaiserburg) attracts visitors with its permanent exhibition. However, smaller museums such as the Peace Museum Nuremberg, the Rotkreuz-Museum or the Weizenbiereglasmuseum are also worth visiting.

http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal/kultur/museen_in_nuernberg.html

4. Theatre and Opera

State Theatre (Staatstheater)

With the categories of opera, theatre and ballet, the Nuremberg State Theatre is an important central element of the city's theatre scene and is supplemented by numerous independent theatre companies.

Contact:

Staatstheater Nürnberg

Richard-Wagner-Platz 2 - 10, 90443 Nürnberg

<http://www.staatstheater-nuernberg.de/>

Small stages and variety theatre

Great performances are not exclusive to large venues, but are also experienced on the numerous smaller stages and cabaret theatres. Here theatre groups win over audiences with enthusiasm and dedication, with imagination and endurance. Nuremberg offers a wide array of small-scale venues and theatre companies.

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal/kultur/kleinkunst.html>

Improvisation Theatre

Improvisation theatre refers to performances where an actor enters the stage not knowing the outcome. The audience determines the theme and the actors improvise the scenes. For many years, there has been a very active improv scene in Nuremberg and the surrounding area.

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal/kultur/improvisationstheater.html>

5. Cinema, Going Out and Nightlife

Movie Theatres

Nuremberg has much to offer cinema fans: In addition to the Filmhaus cinema in the Künstlerhaus, there are numerous art house venues as well as Germany's largest multiplex cinema, the Cinecitta.

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal/kultur/kinos.html>

Going Out and Nightlife

Whether day or night, it is never boring in Nuremberg thanks to the city's vast and diverse gastronomy scene and the many bars and nightclubs. From local specialties such as the original Nuremberg bratwurst or roasted pork shoulder with dumplings (Schäuferle mit Kloß) to vegetarian or vegan cuisine, Nuremberg offers something that appeals to every taste.

Restaurants in Nuremberg

- Restaurant search at nordbayern.de - Gastroguide (<http://www.nordbayern.de/essen-trinken/gastro-guide>)
- Gastro-Search of the Nuremberg program magazine, Plärrer (<http://www.plaerrer.de/gastro/gastro.html>)
- Restaurants in Nuremberg at yelp.de (http://www.yelp.de/search?find_desc=Restaurant&find_loc=N%C3%BCrnberg%2C+Bayern&ns=1&ls=d24a9cf0c32d88cc#sortby=rating)
- Bayern Online: Gastronomy in Nuremberg (<http://nuernberg.bayern-online.de/gastronomie/>)
- Speisekarte.de: Nuremberg (<http://www.speisekarte.de/n%c3%bcrnberg>)
- Also see the brochure "Kulinarische Landkarte"

Night owls and partygoers certainly have no shortage of choices: Classic cocktail bars, trendy hot spots, rustic bars, jazz clubs, live concerts, techno clubs, theme or singles parties - there is something for everyone. Nuremberg's city and culture magazines include all event listings.

Further information:

- curt: The young city magazine for Nuremberg and Erlangen (<http://www.curt.de/nbg/>)
- doppelpunkt: Nuremberg's cultural program magazine (<http://www.doppelpunkt.de/>)
- nordbayern.de: Events in Nuremberg and the region (<http://www.nordbayern.de/events>)
- prinz.de: City magazine for Nuremberg (<http://www.prinz.de/nuernberg/>)

6. Day Trip Excursions

Experience the diversity of the Nuremberg metropolitan region with the city card, **"Entdeckerpass"**. For one year, card holders access free or significantly reduced entrance fees to many sights and attractions. Discover for yourself what Nuremberg and the region has to offer. More information available at:

<http://www.entdeckerpass.com/entdeckerpass/>

Life in Nuremberg is colorful year-round. Especially the green areas attract visitors in the summer: For example, the natural grassy riverbanks of the Pegnitz, that runs through the middle of the city, or the parks and the Zoo, which is one of Europe's largest and most scenic. Attractive destinations that are easily reached thanks to the regional transportation network include surfing at the Franconian Lakes or rock climbing in the Franconian Swiss area.

Kletterwald Weiherhof

Banderbacher Straße 301, 90513 Zirndorf
<http://www.kletterwald-weiherhof.de/>

Nicolaus-Copernicus-Planetarium

Am Plärrer 41, 90429 Nürnberg
<http://www.planetarium-nuernberg.de/>

Regiomontanus-Sternwarte Nürnberg

Regiomontanusweg 1, 90491 Nürnberg
<http://www.sternwarte-nuernberg.de/>

Tiergarten Nürnberg

Am Tiergarten 30, 90480 Nürnberg
<http://www.tiergarten.nuernberg.de/v04/>

Parks and green Areas

There are around 417 hectares of public parks and green areas within the municipal border. The following website gives a first overview of the most popular Nuremberg green areas:

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/portal/kultur/parks.html>

Fränkische Schweiz

<http://fraenkische-schweiz.com/>

Fränkisches Seenland

<http://www.fraenkisches-seenland.de/>

7. Shopping

There are approximately 3,500 retail shops in Nuremberg. Through the integration of modern city functions into the historical buildings of the medieval town center, Nuremberg has a special, unique flair as a retail shopping district.

Shopping is a relaxed pleasure in downtown Nuremberg. The generously proportioned pedestrian zones built in 1966 create one of Europe's largest continuous auto-free precincts. In the historic atmosphere of the city center, sightseeing can be easily combined with shopping in exclusive boutiques, glass arcades or department stores.

Nuremberg's pedestrian zones are unique in that they are not limited to one or two traffic-calmed streets. Many of the central boulevards of downtown such as "Kaiserstraße", "Breite Gasse" and "Karolinenstraße", offer leisurely shopping for all tastes and budgets.

Another special feature of the shopping city Nuremberg is the Craftman's Yard (Handwerkerhof). Traditional artisans such as pewterers, glass cutters and engravers, doll makers and leather workers offer their wares in the typically Franconian half-timbered atmosphere.

Opening hours:

Historic City Center

Monday through Saturday from
9:30am until 20:00 pm,
smaller shops close earlier

Craftman's Yard (Handwerkerhof)

March 10 until December 30
Monday through Saturday from
10:00 am until 22:00 pm
Shops: 10:00 am until 18:30 pm,
Saturdays until 4:00 pm
Restaurants: 10:00 am until 22:00 pm

Open Business Sundays

On Sundays when business is permitted, the stores are generally open from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

<http://www.nuernberg.de/internet/ordnungsamt/verkaufsoffenesonntage.html>

D INFORMATION AND TIPS ON “LIVING AND WORKING IN GERMANY”

Important information can often be found on the website of the responsible immigration authority. Additional useful information can be found here:

- At the online platform of the BDA www.career-in-germany.net, best practice examples and information may be exchanged. The various offers from participants are summarized here and linked. The online platform serves as a guide to the complex range of online information regarding public-sector support, information services and social assistance and benefits.
- The central information portal www.make-it-in-germany.com offers comprehensive information for foreign skilled workers. More information for companies and businesses is coming soon.
- The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) has compiled information on the topic “Migration to Germany” on their website. Here new employees can also find the address of the appropriate immigration advisory center. More information at www.bamf.de.
- The Federal Ministry of the Interior also offers general information on the topic of migration at www.zuwanderung.de.
- In addition to the federal information portals, several individual states also offer information services. The Bavarian state government operates a portal with comprehensive information. Further information at www.work-in-bavaria.de.
- The home page of the Federal Foreign Office provides information concerning studying and working in Germany as well information on visa requirements http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Uebersicht_Navi.html and gives insight into German culture and lifestyle at the home page of „Discover Germany!“. Further information available at www.entdecke-deutschland.diplo.de.
- The European commission notifies companies on the status of freedom of movement of workers at http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/index_en.htm.
- International placement services (Zentrale Auslands- und Fachvermittlung, ZAV) of the “Bundesagentur für Arbeit” provides extensive information (including downloads) on living and working in Germany as well as the relevant legal provisions concerning persons not covered under the freedom of movement of workers directive. More information at www.arbeitsagentur.de.

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