

Where to do what?

Overview of important contacts for immigration to Germany

German diplomatic mission abroad

- Contact person before travelling to Germany
- Visa application



Registration office

- Registration of residence within 2 weeks
- Confirmation of residence required



Immigration office

- Contact person after arrival in Germany
- Applying for residence permits



BAMF

- Competence Centre for Migration and Integration
- Information on immigration opportunities



Federal Labour Office

- Assistance in finding a job
- Approval for employment



Vocational information centre

- Information about education, careers and the labour market
- Part of the Federal Employment Agency

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- Recognition of foreign school, vocational and university qualifications



Tax office

- Assignment of the tax ID
- Tax return
- Change of tax class



Family Fund

- Applying for child benefit



Vehicle registration and driving licence office

- Transfer of driving license
- Car registration



Health insurance

- Compulsory insurance for all
- Statutory or private

