











Overview of visa types

	Student 	Job-seeker 	Self-employment 	Employment 	Researcher 
Am I qualified?	Holder of Admission letter from university or academy (language course)	Education background required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Vocational (nonacademic)· University degree (academic)	Commercial interest or regional demand needed. You need to enter Germany first. You may need a visa.	Depends on your highest degree If it is recognized in Germany Holder of job offer	Cooperation agreement with institution in Germany needed
Is it time-limited?	Yes, To the duration of your studies	Valid for 6 months, extension of permit is not possible	Initially for 3 years. If successful, can be extended	Maximum of four years. If employment is longer, you may be entitled to obtain a settlement permit	Yes, to the duration of your research project
Does it allow self-employment?	 Yes, but not more than 120 full or 240 half days	 No	 Yes	 No	 No

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