



German Missions
in the United Kingdom

Visa Service LONDON

23 Belgrave Square
London
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phone 020 7824 1466

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Appointment booking [click here](#)

Underground Stations: Hyde Park Corner, Knightsbridge,
Victoria Station or Sloane Square

phone times

Mo-Do 1.30-3.30pm

Visa Service EDINBURGH

16 Eglinton Crescent
Edinburgh
EH12 5DG

email enquiries [click here](#)

For appointment booking please contact the Consulate General
via email [click here](#)

opening hours

Mo-Fr 9-11.30am

Please make sure you apply with the appropriate German mission in the UK

If you reside in Scotland or certain parts of northern England you must apply at our Consulate-General in Edinburgh. If you are not sure whether to apply in London or Edinburgh, please check the [consular district map \[pdf, 1,346.08k\]](#)

Van der Elst Visa

Van-der-Elst Visa for Non-EU nationals seconded to Germany by their company on a short-term assignment

Under Articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty, a company registered in an EU-member-state can employ members of its staff that are nationals of a Non-EU country in another EU-member-state for the purpose of providing services for a limited period of time. Accordingly, employees who are Non-EU nationals and have their habitual residence in the United Kingdom can provide services in Germany for a limited period of time without first having to obtain a general work permit, provided they hold the appropriate entry clearance for Germany. A visa which can be used for this purpose is called a "Van der Elst Visa".

To apply for a "Van der Elst Visa" for Germany, the following documents are required:

- **original letter from the employer**, clearly stating the commencing and final dates as well as duration of the project, location, nature of services to be provided, salary and conditions of employment
- **passport/travel document including a UK residence/work permit** with sufficient validity to enable the holder to continue his/her employment with the employer after completion of the assignment in Germany
- **health insurance cover**, i.e. written confirmation by employer OR evidence of contributions to a private health and accident insurance scheme



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- **residence permit application form in duplicate with colour photograph**

The Embassy may ask for additional documents if considered necessary at any time.

You may apply for a "Van der Elst Visa" in person only. Please book an appointment [Appointment booking for residence permit](#)