

Pack the paperwork you will need

Fill and save in a PDF reader, or print. Your entries stay in your copy.

Keep essential documents accessible

Pack originals you may need during travel or at appointments separately from shipped luggage. Use the official checklist for your visa and intended activities; this packing aid does not replace it. Not every document below applies to every move.

- ☐ Passport / identity document and entry or residence documents
- ☐ Accommodation details and arrival contact
- ☐ Insurance confirmation and insurer contact
- ☐ Employment or admission documents where relevant
- ☐ Birth / marriage / family certificates where required
- ☐ Qualification and training evidence where required
- ☐ Driving licence if needed; recognition or exchange checked separately

Copy carefully

Keep readable digital copies in storage you control, with a way to recover access. Record where originals are packed. Check translation and certification requirements with the receiving authority before paying for them; a scan does not always replace an original.

Documents needed immediately / where packed

Digital-copy location / recovery method (do not write passwords)

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Handle the missing items now

Missing document / who issues it / request date

Translation or certification to confirm / receiving authority

Expected receipt date / follow-up / alternative to ask about

Keep a small arrival file

Include your first accommodation address, contact numbers, travel details and appointment confirmations. For ongoing medical needs, ask your treating clinician what records and medication arrangements are appropriate for the journey; check transport rules with the relevant authorities.

- ☐ Names, dates and passport details match across application documents
- ☐ Authority checklists saved with the documents they refer to
- ☐ Originals and copies can be found without unpacking everything

Your result: a packed arrival file plus a short list of missing items with named issuers and follow-up dates. Revisit the list before travel rather than marking a requested document as received.

Final pre-travel check date / remaining action

Continue with the first-month checklist

Official sources / checked 7 September 2026

Federal government: preparing visa documents and arrival (www.make-it-in-germany.com)

Recognition: documents and translations (www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de)