

Application Documents in Germany



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Application Documents

- Cover sheet
- Cover letter
- Résumé
- Certificates, references

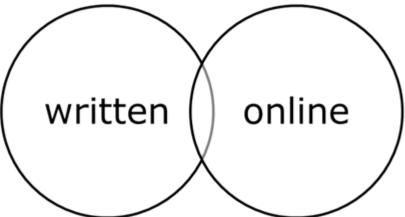


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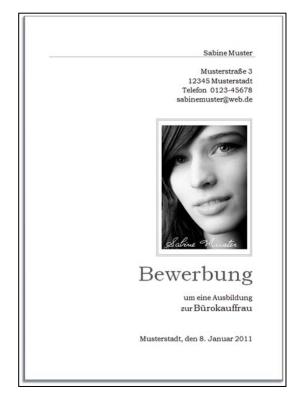
Cover Sheet

- Written applications only
- Contains the following information:
 - ✓ Name, title
 - Photo
 - Contact information
 - Position you are applying for



Cover Sheet - Examples









Cover Letter

- ADVERTISING yourself
- It has to be MATCHING:
- ✓ <u>Job advertisement-related</u>: include required professional competencies and soft skills
- ✓ <u>Credibility:</u> include examples and records confirming these competencies



Cover Letter - Construction



- 1. Opening & Reference to the Job Advertisement
- 2. Introduction
- 3. Presentation of Hard Skills & Soft Skills
- 4. Organizational Notes
- 5. Closing Remarks



Cover Letter - Tips

- No more than 1 page
- Simple, legible font e.g. Times, Arial
- Homogeneous design: cover sheet, cover letter, résumé
- Font size 10 12, single spaced
- Margins approx. 25 mm left & 30 mm right)



Cover Letter - Tips

- Address a particular contact person
- Choose an interesting opening
- Don't quote your cv, instead refer to the job advertisement
- Provide proof of your skills
- Try to see your application through the eyes of your future boss



Cover Letter – Typical Mistakes

- Copy & Paste
- Qualifications not sufficiently stated
- Too much / too little self-confidence
- Disregard for the important requirements
- Wrong motivation
- Spelling mistakes
- Missing signature



Résumé – CV – Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal Data:

Name, Address, Telephone, E-mail (serious!), Date & Place of Birth

- 2. Education
- 3. Professional Experience
- 4. Other Information:

Further Training, Language Proficiency, Interests, Soft Skills



Résumé - Tips

- No more than 2 pages
- Clearly and consequently structured
- Reverse chronological order
- Include the time period, employer, place, and job description (short!)
- Categorize your language skills
- Place, date & signature



What does not belong in the cv:

- Your parents' occupation
- Your religion
- Your entire school career
- Number of children, personal status (single, married, divorced)



Application-Photo – Examples

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Appendix

- University certificates
- Letters of reference
- Job references, certificates of employment
- Certificates of competences, training, and qualifications
- Certificates of Scholarship
- Work samples