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Editorial....

Dear Readers,

The global landscape of education, employment, and migration continues to evolve at a rapid and strategic pace. Countries across the world are actively refining their immigration systems to attract skilled talent, strengthen their economies, and create sustainable growth opportunities. For students and professionals, staying updated with these developments is essential to make the right decisions at the right time.

In this edition of Moon Global Times, we have presented a special detailed update on Canada and the United Kingdom, covering a complete 5-page structure for each country. This includes a comprehensive overview of the country, top universities and fee structures, available scholarships and study opportunities, job prospects and career outcomes, and the latest immigration timeline and policy changes. These sections are designed to give readers a complete and practical understanding of both destinations from an education and immigration perspective.

Canada continues to lead with its structured immigration system, strong PR pathways, and demand-driven skilled workforce selection. The United Kingdom, on the other hand, offers world-class education combined with defined post-study work opportunities, while maintaining a strong focus on compliance and quality-based migration.

Alongside these detailed country features, we have also included major updates from key global destinations such as USA, Australia, France, and Germany. These countries continue to play a significant role in global education and migration trends. The USA remains a top destination for higher education and career growth, despite its competitive visa system. Australia is focusing on priority-based skilled migration and employer-driven opportunities. Meanwhile, France and Germany are gaining strong attention due to their affordable education systems, structured study-to-work pathways, and increasing demand for international talent.

In today's competitive and fast-changing environment, choosing the right destination is not only about selecting a country—it is about understanding the system, identifying the right pathway, and planning strategically for long-term success.

At Moon Overseas, guided by our philosophy “Learn – Plan – Go”, we remain committed to providing you with accurate information, practical insights, and reliable guidance to support your global journey.

We sincerely thank you for your continued trust and support.

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Canada – Introduction & Overview

Canada continues to position itself as a strategic destination for international students, combining globally respected education with structured immigration pathways and long-term settlement opportunities.



Education + Immigration Perspective

Canada's system is uniquely designed to integrate education with economic immigration needs. Universities and colleges are closely aligned with labour market demand, which directly benefits international students planning long-term careers.

The country operates on a points-based immigration system, where education, work experience, and language skills play a crucial role in securing Permanent Residency (PR).



Why Students Choose Canada

- Clear pathway: Study → Work Permit → PR
- Strong visa approval trends for genuine applicants
- Affordable education compared to the USA/UK
- Availability of co-op (paid internship) programs
- High visa success in structured profiles

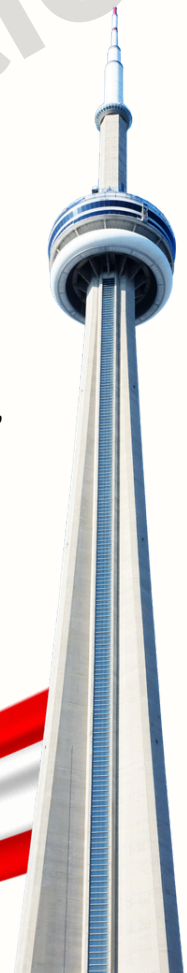


Key Advantages

- Education System: Practical, job-oriented programs
- Immigration Friendly: Multiple PR pathways (Express Entry, PNP)
- Work Opportunities: International students allowed to work during studies
- Safe & Stable Environment: High quality of life, healthcare access
- Multicultural Society: Easy adaptability for Indian students

Strategic Insight

Canada is now focusing more on quality over quantity, meaning strong profiles, correct course selection, and proper documentation are critical.



Canada – Top Universities & Fee Structure

Top Universities in Canada

- University of Toronto (Top global ranking)
- University of British Columbia (UBC)
- McGill University
- University of Waterloo (Best for IT & Engineering)
- University of Alberta

Top Public Colleges (Highly Preferred)

- Seneca College
- Humber College
- Centennial College
- George Brown College
- Fanshawe College



Average Tuition Fee Structure

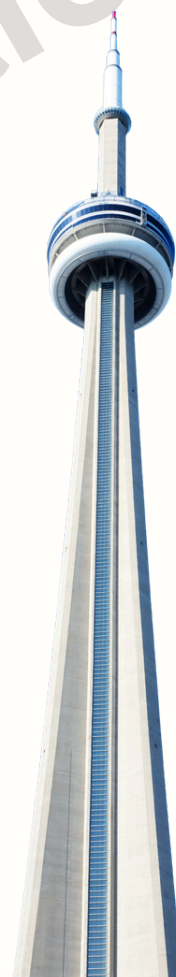
Program Type	Annual Fee (Approx.)
Diploma Programs	CAD 13,000 – 18,000
Advanced Diploma	CAD 15,000 – 20,000
Bachelor’s Degree	CAD 18,000 – 30,000
Master’s Degree	CAD 20,000 – 35,000

Course-wise Popular Fields

- Business Management / Project Management
- Computer Science / IT / AI / Data Analytics
- Healthcare (Nursing, PSW, Healthcare Admin)
- Engineering (Civil, Mechanical, Software)
- Supply Chain & Logistics

Key Insight

Choosing a PGWP-eligible Designated Learning Institution (DLI) is mandatory for post-study work benefits.



Canada – Scholarships & Study Opportunities

Types of Scholarships

- Merit-Based: Based on academic performance
- Need-Based: Financial support programs
- Automatic Entrance Scholarships: Offered at admission

University-Specific Scholarships

- UBC International Scholars Program
- University of Toronto Global Scholarships
- York University Entrance Awards

Government Scholarships

- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (PhD level)
- Canada Graduate Scholarships (Master's/PhD)

Eligibility Criteria (General)

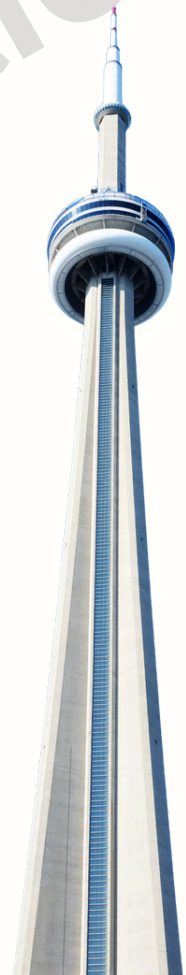
- Minimum 60%–75% academic score (varies by program)
- IELTS / PTE / Duolingo scores
- Strong SOP (Statement of Purpose)
- Academic or extracurricular achievements

Intake System

- September (Fall Intake): Main intake (maximum courses available)
- January (Winter Intake): Moderate options
- May (Summer Intake): Limited courses

Study Opportunity Insight

Colleges offer career-oriented programs + co-op opportunities, which improve employability after graduation.



Canada – Job Opportunities & Career Outcomes

Job Market Overview

Canada's labour market is shortage-driven, meaning immigration policies are aligned with industries facing workforce gaps.

Part-Time Work Rules

- Up to 24 hours per week during academic sessions
- Full-time work allowed during official breaks

Post-Study Work Permit (PGWP)

- 1-year course → up to 1-year work permit
- 2-year or more course → up to 3-year work permit

High-Demand Sectors

- Healthcare (Nurses, Caregivers, Medical Staff)
- IT (Software Developers, Cybersecurity, AI)
- Engineering & Construction
- Skilled Trades (Electricians, Plumbers)
- Finance & Accounting

Career Outcome Trends

- Students with Canadian education + 1–2 years work experience have strong PR chances
- Co-op programs significantly increase job placement rates
- Networking and local experience are key success factors

Reality Check

Survival jobs are common initially, but long-term career growth depends on skills + Canadian experience + networking



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Canada – Immigration & Latest Policy Changes

Major Recent Updates

- Canada has reduced study permit targets for 2026, limiting overall student intake
- Focus is now on genuine students and high-quality applications

Part-Time Work Rules

- Up to 24 hours per week during academic sessions
- Full-time work allowed during official breaks

Study Visa Changes

- PAL (Provincial Attestation Letter) is mandatory for most applicants
- Some exemptions for Master's and PhD students
- Increased scrutiny on: SOP | Financial proof | Course relevance

Financial Requirement Update

- GIC requirement increased (approx. CAD 20,635+)
- Strong proof of funds now mandatory

PR Pathways (Updated Trends)

- Express Entry focusing on Category-Based Selection: Healthcare | STEM | Trade Occupations | French Language

Important Changes

- Some colleges/programs removed from PGWP eligibility list
- Spouse Open Work Permit rules becoming stricter (only for selected categories)

Important Considerations Before Applying

- Choose career-oriented courses only
- Avoid multiple course changes
- Prepare strong SOP with clear career plan
- Ensure financial transparency
- Apply early due to limited visa quota

Final Strategic Insight

Canada is still one of the best destinations globally, but the system has become more competitive and selective.

Success now depends on:

- Profile strength
- Smart course selection
- Proper documentation
- Long-term immigration planning

A planned approach = High visa success + PR opportunity



UK - Introduction & Overview

The United Kingdom remains one of the most prestigious destinations for international students, offering globally recognized degrees, shorter course durations, and strong academic heritage.

Country Overview (Education + Immigration Perspective)

The UK education system is known for its academic excellence, research-driven approach, and industry-focused curriculum. Over the years, the UK has restructured its immigration policies to balance student intake with compliance and quality control.

With the introduction of the Graduate Route (PSW), the UK has strengthened its appeal by allowing students to gain international work exposure after studies.

Why Students Choose the UK

- 1-year Master's programs (cost & time efficient)
- Globally recognized universities
- Strong academic reputation
- Multicultural environment
- Access to European and global job markets



Key Advantages

- Short Duration Courses: Bachelor (3 years), Master (1 year)
- Post-Study Work: 2 years (3 years for PhD)
- Education Quality: Top-ranked universities globally
- Location Benefit: Gateway to Europe
- Career Exposure: Strong industry connections

Strategic Insight

The UK is now focusing more on genuine students, compliance, and academic progression, making profile quality extremely important.



UK - Top Universities & Fee Structure

Top Universities in the UK

- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- Imperial College London
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- University College London (UCL)

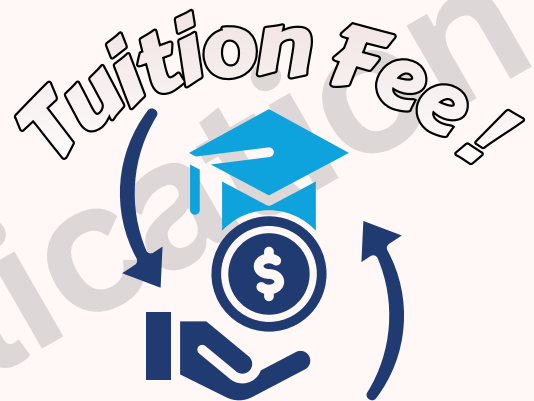


Other Popular Universities

- University of Manchester
- University of Birmingham
- University of Leeds
- University of Glasgow
- Coventry University

Average Tuition Fee Structure

Program Type	Annual Fee (Approx.)
Bachelor's Degree	£12,000 – £20,000
Master's Degree	£13,000 – £25,000
MBA Programs	£18,000 – £35,000



Popular Courses

- Business Management / MBA
- Data Science / AI / IT
- Engineering
- Healthcare / Nursing
- Law / International Relations

Key Insight

Universities focus heavily on academic background + English proficiency + SOP quality during admissions.

UK - Scholarships & Study Opportunities



Types of Scholarships

- Merit-based scholarships
- University-specific scholarships
- Government-funded scholarships

Government Scholarships

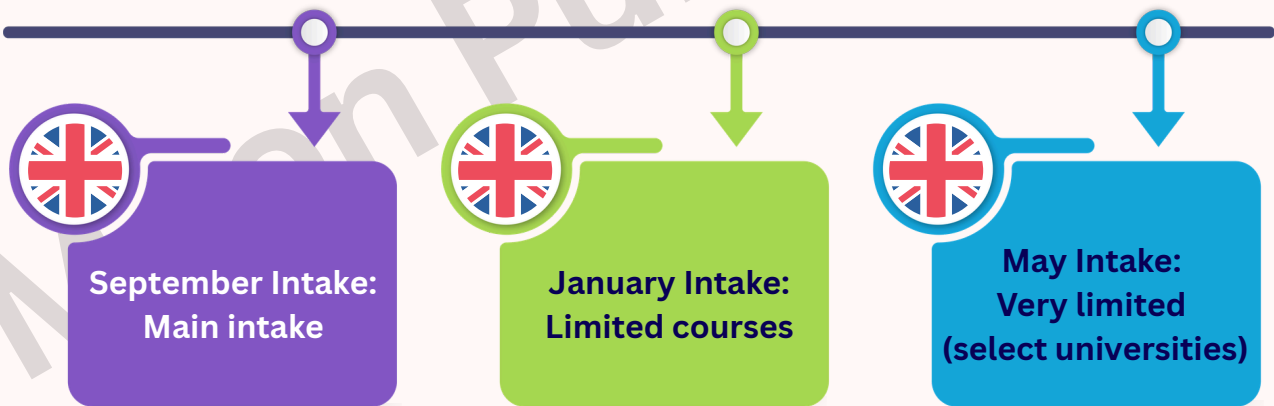
- Chevening Scholarships
- Commonwealth Scholarships

University Scholarships

- University of Bristol Think Big Scholarship
- University of Warwick Scholarships
- University of Sheffield International Merit Awards



Intake System



Study Opportunity Insight

UK universities offer research-based learning, internships, and industry exposure, enhancing employability.

UK - Job Opportunities & Career Outcomes

Job Market Overview

The UK job market offers opportunities in finance, healthcare, IT, engineering, and business sectors, especially for skilled graduates.

Part-Time Work Rules

- Up to 20 hours/week during studies
- Full-time during holidays

Post-Study Work (Graduate Route)

- 2 years work permit after graduation
- 3 years for PhD students

High-Demand Sectors

- Healthcare (NHS jobs)
- IT & Software Development
- Finance & Accounting
- Engineering
- Hospitality & Management

Career Outcome Trends

- Students from top universities have higher employability
- Internships and placements play a key role
- Skilled job requirement for long-term stay

Reality Check

Getting a job depends on skills, experience, and networking, not just the degree.



UK - Immigration & Latest Policy Change

Major Recent Updates

- The UK government has introduced stricter compliance checks for international students
- Focus on reducing net migration numbers

Study Visa Changes

- Dependants (spouse/children) restrictions for most Master's students
- Only allowed for research-based or PhD programs
- Increased scrutiny on: Financial documents | Genuine student intent

Financial Requirement Update

- Increased maintenance fund requirements
- Proof of funds must be clear and consistent

Work & PR Pathways

- Graduate Route remains active (2 years PSW)
- To stay long-term:
 1. Must switch to Skilled Worker Visa
 2. Job must meet salary threshold



Key Policy Focus

- Reducing misuse of student visa route
- Ensuring students follow academic progression

Important Considerations

- Choose relevant course aligned with previous studies
- Strong SOP is critical
- Financial documentation must be accurate
- Avoid applying without proper profile assessment

Final Strategic Insight

The UK remains a top-tier education destination, especially for students looking for fast-track degrees and global exposure.

However, the system is now more regulated and selective.

Success depends on:

- Strong academic profile
- Proper documentation
- Clear career planning

A smart and structured approach is essential for visa success and long-term career growth.

USA - Immigration, Student & Work Updates

Key Immigration Changes in the Recent Updates

The most visible U.S. immigration movement has been in work visa processing and immigrant visa availability, rather than a major new nationwide student visa rule. USCIS completed the FY 2027 H-1B initial registration selection process on 31 March 2026, and from 1 April 2026 cap-subject H-1B filings must use the 02/27/26 edition of Form I-129. USCIS also confirmed on 20 March 2026 that the H-2B cap for the second half of FY 2026 had been reached, with filing dates announced for supplemental allocations.

At the immigrant visa level, the May 2026 Visa Bulletin signaled forward movement in several categories, but it also warned that retrogression or temporary unavailability may still happen later in FY 2026 if demand rises. The same bulletin specifically flagged possible pressure in EB-5 unreserved categories for India.

Study Visa Changes

There is no major new nationwide F-1 regulation announced from the official sources reviewed. However, student applicants should note that appointment availability still varies by consulate. As of the State Department update dated 15 April 2026, the next available F/M/J interview appointments were approximately 1 month in New Delhi, 2.5 months in Mumbai, 2.5 months in Hyderabad, and 4 months in Kolkata. This means students should plan early, especially for upcoming intakes.

For existing F-1 students, the current framework remains important: students may stay in the U.S. on an expired F-1 visa if they continue to maintain valid student status, and on-campus work remains limited to up to 20 hours per week while school is in session.

Work Permit Updates

The biggest recent development is the H-1B cap cycle for FY 2027. Employers whose registrations were selected can now move to the petition stage, and correct form edition compliance is critical from 1 April 2026 onward. For seasonal/non-agricultural workers, USCIS confirmed that the regular H-2B cap for the second half of FY 2026 is full, while supplemental allocations remain available under set conditions and filing windows. This is relevant for employers in hospitality, landscaping, tourism, and seasonal services.



PR Pathways

The main U.S. “PR” routes continue to be: family-sponsored green cards, employment-based green cards, EB-5 investor immigration, and certain humanitarian/special categories. Employment-based immigrant visas remain numerically limited at at least 140,000 annually, and priority dates continue to control when applicants can move forward.

A practical recent point is that the May 2026 Visa Bulletin advanced dates in various categories partly because of changing demand patterns, but it also clearly warned that later retrogression is possible. So applicants should not assume current movement will continue unchanged month after month.

Australia - Immigration, Student & Work Updates

Key Immigration Changes in the Recent Updates

Australia has not announced a major new nationwide student, PR, or investment visa rule change through the main official immigration sources I reviewed. The most relevant current movement is on processing guidance and application readiness, with the Department's visa processing page updated on 20 April 2026. It shows median processing times of 33 days for Student visas, 63 days for Skilled (Temporary) visas, and 10 months for Skilled (Permanent) visas.

This means the practical message for applicants right now is clear: Australia is still open across study, skilled work, and migration categories, but timing, complete documents, and priority category fit are playing a major role in how fast a case moves.

Study Visa Changes

There is no fresh nationwide Student visa rule change identified in the most recent 30-day window from the official sources checked. However, the current official position is that Student visa applications lodged outside Australia are processed under ministerial priority settings, and the Department continues to recommend that students lodge well in advance of course commencement and submit all supporting documents at the time of application. The latest processing page lists the current median Student visa processing time at 33 days. For students, the main risk is no longer only eligibility. It is also late filing, incomplete documents, and poor preparation. In practical terms, students targeting Australia should prepare funds, Genuine Student-related evidence, health cover, and institution documents carefully before filing. This is an inference based on the Department's emphasis on completeness and supporting documentation.

Work Permit Updates

Australia's main work-migration activity remains in the skilled visa system. The current official processing data shows Skilled (Temporary) visa median processing at 63 days, while the Department's skilled-priority rules continue to give stronger priority to regional employer-sponsored cases, healthcare occupations, teaching occupations, and accredited sponsors. This is especially important for applicants using employer-linked routes such as subclass 482, 494, and 186-related pathways, because lower-priority applications may take longer than the published overall median. The Department also states that complete applications with health, character, skills assessment, and supporting documents help processing.

PR Pathways

Australia's major PR pathways continue to be Skilled Independent (189), Skilled Nominated (190), Employer Nomination Scheme (186), regional-to-PR pathways such as 191, partner migration, and selected innovation talent routes. The Department's current migration settings still treat many skilled permanent visas within an annual planning framework, which is one reason processing can vary.



France - Immigration, Student & Work Updates

Key Immigration Changes in the Recent Updates

France has not announced one single major nationwide change for student visas, work permits, or PR-style residence routes that would fully reshape the system. The most relevant recent official development for applicants is that residence permit taxes and stamp duties are set to increase from 1 May 2026, as noted by France's public administration portal.

So for April 2026, the France update is more about current rules, filing discipline, and upcoming cost impact than about a brand-new immigration program. France still remains active and attractive for study, post-study stay, employment, and talent-based residence.

Study Visa Changes

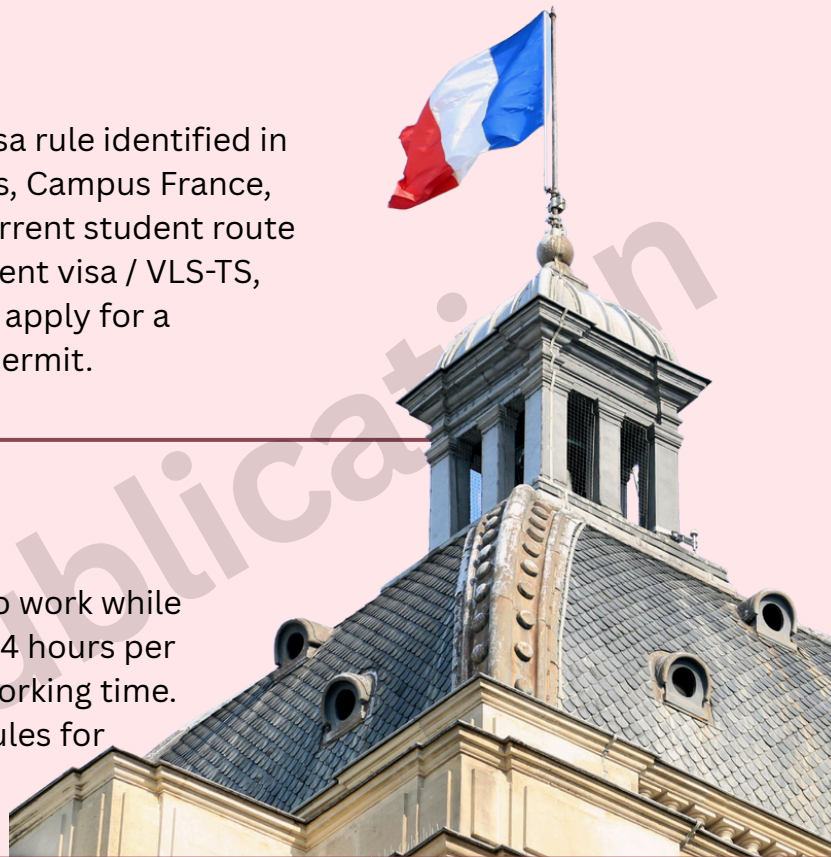
There is no major new nationwide student visa rule identified in the last Update from the official France-Visas, Campus France, and Service-Public sources reviewed. The current student route still works mainly through the long-stay student visa / VLS-TS, and after the first year eligible students may apply for a temporary or multi-year student residence permit.

Work Permit Updates

France continues to allow foreign students to work while studying, but only within the legal limit of 964 hours per year, which is about 60% of normal annual working time. This is one of the most important practical rules for international students in France.

PR Pathways

France does not use the word "PR" in the same way as countries like Canada or Australia. In practice, long-term settlement usually moves through multi-year residence permits, then potentially toward a 10-year resident card or long-term residence status, depending on the person's category and legal stay history.



Germany - Immigration, Student & Work Updates

Key Immigration Changes in the Recent Updates

Germany has not announced one single dramatic nationwide visa change for students, workers, or permanent settlement that completely changes the system. The more important current reality is that Germany is continuing to implement and operationalize the Skilled Immigration Act, which has already made entry easier for skilled workers, people with vocational qualifications, and some applicants with practical experience.

So for April 2026, the Germany update is less about a sudden new rule and more about using the correct route properly: student visa, qualified professional visa, EU Blue Card, Opportunity Card, recognition-based routes, or recognition partnership. Germany remains one of the most structured study-to-work and work-to-settlement systems in Europe.

Study Visa Changes

There is no major new nationwide student visa change identified in the last Updates from the official sources reviewed. The current official study route remains the visa for studying, and applicants must usually show university admission plus proof of sufficient funds. The federal portal states that proof can be shown through a blocked account, scholarship, or declaration of commitment, and the required blocked-account amount is at least €11,904 in 2026.

Germany continues to be attractive for international students because the rules after arrival are relatively clear. Student residence permits are usually issued initially for two years, and while studying, students may work up to 140 full days or 280 half days per year, or up to 20 hours per week.

Work Permit Updates

Germany's current work-permit system is strongly shaped by the Skilled Immigration Act. Official sources confirm that non-EU nationals generally need a residence title that clearly authorizes employment, and Germany now offers multiple work-linked routes such as the qualified professional visa, EU Blue Card, professionally experienced worker route, recognition visa, and recognition partnership visa.

PR Pathways

Germany offers several relatively clear settlement tracks:

- Graduates of German universities may apply for a settlement permit after working in Germany for more than two years.
- EU Blue Card holders can obtain a settlement permit after 27 months, or after 21 months with German language level B1.
- Skilled workers with foreign qualifications who have worked in Germany for four years may also obtain a settlement permit,



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