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After the successful completion of an education in Germany, an exception to the rule of the Residence Act § 16 para. 2 is approved in the following cases and the residence permit deviates from the provisions of § 16 para. 2 of the Residence Act without prior departure from the country if the general requirements are met (§ 5 Residence Act), it is renewed or extended.

**a) Postgraduate course**

For a postgraduate course subsequent to a basic course of study, for postgraduate studies, additional studies or complementary studies up to a maximum of 2 years, if the university attests that the foreign national's preceding course of study is a continuation in the same specialist direction, or is especially beneficial for the desired profession (e.g. economics for engineers). 

**b) Doctorate**

During a doctorate, if the university attests that in the absence of another formal university degree, that the doctorate constitutes the usual completion of an education, or that the applicant is assured acceptance as a doctoral candidate, and that the doctorate is of a scientific interest or the doctorate is in specific subjects in addition to the usual completion of an education, or the doctorate will considerably improve the opportunities of professional employment for the foreign national in their country of origin, whereby the total length of stay may not as a general rule exceed ten years.

You can find further information about this at the immigration authority.

**Fees:**

The processing fee for changing the reason for residence and extending the stay in Germany is **€ 90.00** (§45 No. 3 Aufenthaltsverordnung).