

National Visa for Au-Pair Stay
[Section 19c (1) Residence Act/Section 12 Employment Ordinance]

General Information

Persons between the ages of 18 and 27 can be granted a visa to work as an Au-Pair for a period of at least six months and not longer than twelve months.

The aim of au-pair stays is to improve language skills and broaden horizons by getting to know the host country. Only one Au-Pair stay in Germany is possible.

For more detailed information, please visit the following [website](#).

Visa application checklist

**Please use the following checklist to make sure that your documents are complete.
Please submit the documents listed below in according order.
Please do not staple any documents.
Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.**

Original required	Copy required	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully completed and signed application and signed declaration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	One (1) recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed passport meeting the following requirements: a. Its validity must exceed the duration of the intended stay in Germany by at least 3 months b. It must contain at least 2 blank pages c. It must have been issued (not extended!) within the past 10 years
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residence permit in the U.S., e.g. Visa, Green Card, U.S. passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of address, e.g. valid driver's license, utility bill, lease
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed au-pair contract based on the specimen contract published by the Federal Employment Agency. A printout or fax copy will be accepted if the au-pair post was offered through an agency with RAL Gütezeichen (Quality Mark)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed questionnaire completed by the host family
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personally drafted complete curriculum vitae, detailing in particular training to date and, where applicable, periods of employment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of motivation detailing expectations of planned stay and anticipated career and personal benefits, as well as future plans
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registration in Germany ("Meldebescheinigung") of the host family

→ more information on following page(s)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of German language skills at least level A1</p> <p>Competency in the German language means that the applicant has the ability to communicate in German on at least a basic level, i.e. holds a certificate of successful completion of a German language course level A1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Certificates issued by an institution, which performs testing in accordance with the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE), are accepted. These requirements are only met by the Goethe-Institute (www.goethe.de).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of adequate health insurance coverage</p> <p>Health insurance coverage is required at the time of entry into the Schengen area. Usually statutory health insurance coverage provided by the university or future employer only goes into effect when you take up residency and enter into employment/begin with your studies.</p> <p>If you enter before, an additional private (travel) health insurance in line with EU standards (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 EUR) must be purchased for the duration of time until you begin your employment/your studies and are covered through the statutory health insurance. Please ensure that your travel health insurance does not exclude protection if a long term or permanent stay is planned.</p>

Visa application fees

Processing fee:

Payable in cash only.

Conversion into USD is made based on the exchange rate at the time of the application.

Completeness of application

The application is complete:

Yes No, the documents/information indicated above are lacking.

Declaration when application is not complete:

I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected.

I would like to submit my application nevertheless.

_____ place, date, signature

This information sheet has been prepared with utmost care. It is intended to provide a point of reference to our clients but may not be fully applicable to every individual case. If you have further, more specific questions which are not answered by the information contained here nor on our website www.germany.info/visa, please contact the German Embassy/Consulate General serving your U.S. home state.