

National Visa for Students

(Section 16b Residence Act)

General Information

Foreign students who have been accepted by a German university (where applicable with a preparatory language course) or a preparatory college (Studienkolleg) can apply for a visa to study in Germany. You are advised to secure your admittance or acceptance from the university as early as possible.

→ During your studies, you can take up student jobs for up to 20 hours per week to help cover your expenses.

→ Upon completing your studies, you will have the opportunity to look for a job.

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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of admittance to the study course/preparatory college including information on the language of instruction In the case of preparatory language course or internship: → Acceptance for preparatory language course or internship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Qualification → Certificates of other academic qualifications (if applicable) If your university degree does not state the courses you studied, please also submit your transcript. If your university degree does not state the courses you studied, please also submit your transcript.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum vitae
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of motivation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of language skills in the language of instruction for the study course or the preparatory course (if not confirmed in the admittance notification). Without a preparatory language course as a rule at least B2 in the language of instruction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of adequate financial means To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal at least 992.00 EUR per month. Proof of these financial means can be provided through the admission agreement/relevant contract. Proof must be submitted with the application of financial means for at least one year and a total amount of 11,904.00 EUR (12 months x 992.00 EUR). In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account : Open the blocked account before you apply for a visa. When applying for a visa, only the official confirmation of the opening of the account including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted. A confirmation, which does not include this information, is not sufficient.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of adequate health insurance coverage 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. 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.

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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.