

## **GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE VISA**

Persons who wish to do a German language course in Germany are required to obtain a national visa to reside in Germany. Upon arrival in Germany, you are required to register with the competent local Alien Authority in order to receive the corresponding residence permit for the duration of your studies.

### **Where and how to apply:**

Your visa application must be submitted in person. You are required to make an online visa appointment in the section for long-term visa. Please schedule your appointment free of charge [here](#). Once you have made the visa appointment you will receive a confirmation email showing the date and time. Please note that your appointment will be cancelled if you miss your assigned slot.

### **Required documents (in original, where applicable, plus 2 photocopies):**

**Only complete applications with original documents and two (2) copies of all documents can be accepted!** Submitting a complete application file does not automatically mean that the visa will be granted. The following must be presented with the application and the Embassy reserves the right to ask for further supporting documents and/or information:

- two completed & signed visa application forms. Please find the relevant forms [here](#).
- Valid passport. The passport must have at least two empty pages available. Please include previous passports, either valid or cancelled.
- Copy of all previously issued Schengen visas, including the pages with the entry and exit stamps from the Schengen area.
- Two recent and biometric passport sized photographs. Please do not attach the photos to the application form and see the requirements for photographs [here](#).
- Confirmed registration for the language course, or certificate of enrolment.
- Evidence of sufficient funds, i.e. a minimum of € 11,688 per year. Proof may be provided either by:
  - 1) Statements of your personal bank account from last three months.

### **OR**

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2) a blocked account at a German bank with a withdrawal limit of 947,- Euro per month.

**OR**

3) a Formal Obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) from your sponsor as well as a copy of the sponsor's valid passport and if applicable, the sponsor's valid resident permit for Germany. The Formal Obligation must be obtained from the Alien Authority in the city of residence of the sponsor in Germany. If the sponsor resides outside of Germany, the Formal Obligation must be obtained from the relevant German Embassy in that country (for details please contact the relevant Embassy directly).

- A motivational letter explaining your attendance of the language course.
- Proof of accommodation – for the complete stay.
- Health insurance – coverage for the entire period of stay in Germany.

**Fees**

Visa fees are non-refundable and payable **ONLY**

- **in US-Dollars cash** according to the exchange rate of the Embassy
- OR**
- **by credit card** which is billed in Euros (Mastercard or Visa only). **The card holder must be present.**

**Visa fees** are calculated from €75.00 for applicants who are 18 years or older and €37.50 for children under the age of 18. Visa Fees are waived for holders of scholarships from German scientific organisations (e.g. DAAD), spouses and children of German or other EU-citizens and parents of German or other EU minors. In these cases, please include a copy of the marriage or birth certificate and the German or EU-passport of the relevant person.

The Embassy does **not accept** US\$50.00 or US\$100.00 bills. The bills accepted cannot be older than 2000 and have to be in good condition, not torn or damaged in any way.

**Processing time**

Processing time is a minimum of 25 days. Your application will be forwarded to the Alien Authority (Ausländerbehörde) competent for your intended place of residence in Germany for approval.

**The applicant is obliged to provide all information to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. If he/she knowingly furnishes false or incomplete information and/or provides false or falsified documents, the visa application will be refused.**

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