Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Manama

National visa

Visa for students

General Information

All applicants who wish to study at a college or university in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa. This residence permit must be issued before entering the country.

- Processing the visa application takes up to 12 weeks upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon positive recommendation by the competent authorities in Germany. The applicant will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required processing period has not yet passed.

- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa. A final residence permit for the whole duration of the stay will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.

- It is recommended that no flight ticket is purchased until a visa has been granted!

- Foreign documents issued in other languages than English or German have to be submitted with an official translation.

- Please note that foreign certificates must recognized legally for Germany. Therefore, Bahraini certificates need a so-called "Apostille". Please see our website for further information.

- The German Embassy Manama reserves the right to request further documents.

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 to help cover your expenses.

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

More information about studying in Germany can be found here

Blocked Account as proof for financial means: The current amounts can be found here. The amount changes yearly.

Visa Application Checklist

Unless otherwise specified, the documents must be submitted in a single copy (originals with one copy). Originals will be returned after the application has been processed at the latest.

☐ One (1) fully completed and signed application form including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act

☐ Declarations according to § 54 (2) no. 8 in conjunction with § 53 of the German Residence Act, duly signed

☐ Two (2) current biometric passport photos. Digitally processed photos cannot be accepted.

☐ Original passport (or travel document) valid for at least 3 months longer than the intended stay. It must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years.

☐ Provide a copy of the passport data page and if applicable previous visas withing the last three (3) years.

☐ Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy

☐ High school graduation certificate and, if applicable, Bachelor/Master certificates with detailed transcript of grades

☐ Letter of Motivation

☐ CV including educational and professional achievements

☐ Proof of adequate financial means

A blocked account (Sperrkonto) at a German bank showing a minimum amount according to the duration of your intended stay
NOTE: You have to open the blocked account directly with a bank of choice. Open the blocked account **in good time 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 that does not include this information is not sufficient.
or
a formal letter of obligation (Verpflichtungserklärung) according to paragraph §§66,68 of the Aliens Act, from a resident of Germany and for the duration of the applicant's stay in Germany.
or
proof of sponsorship / bursary by a German Institution

☐ Proof of adequate health insurance cover

If as a student you want to take out statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this

insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and after enrolment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to enrolment and registering for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

When entering the country to start a degree course/attend the preparatory college
☐ Admission letter from a German higher education institution (college, university)
☐ Where not confirmed by the university in the admittance notification: Proof of language skills in the language of instruction for the study course or the preparatory course (without a preparatory language course as a rule at least B2 in the language of instruction)

For preparatory language courses / internships
☐ Admission to the preparatory language course (at least 18 hours per week) or acceptance letter for internship
☐ Confirmation of fees paid for at least three months
☐ If applicable: Proof of German language skills already acquired

When applying for studies
☐ Proof of invitations to entrance exams
☐ Proof of language skills in the language of instruction

For Minors
☐ Birth certificate of the applicant
☐ Parental authorization (both parents)
☐ Proof of identification of the parents
For minors (below 18), generally both parents / legal guardians must apply in person (with the child) and must sign the application form personally at the German Embassy in Manama on the booked appointment.

Fee
☐ Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar

Completeness of application
☐ The application is complete: ☐Yes ☐ No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.