

National visa

Visa for Language Course

General Information

All applicants who wish to participate in a long term language course (more than 90 days) 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 Foreigners 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 be 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.
- Certificates and diplomas must be presented as original with apostille/legalization. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.

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Employment is not permitted during the stay.

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 within the last three (3) years.
- Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy
- Registration for a language course including details about costs, level, duration (at least 18 hours per week, no weekend or evening courses)
- Proof of payment of the course fee for the entire stay
- Proof of accommodation during the stay in Germany
- If applicable: Proof of German language skills already acquired
- Letter of motivation stating the reason why the acquisition of the German language is necessary and why this should take place in Germany
- CV including educational and professional achievements
- Proof of previous education (e.g. school leaving certificate, certificates of vocational training)
- 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. Additional information on blocked accounts in Germany can be found on the website of the [German Foreign Ministry](#). 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

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<p>a <u>formal letter of obligation</u> (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.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of adequate health insurance cover</p>
<p>For Minors</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate of the applicant</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Parental authorization (both parents)</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of identification of the parents</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Fee</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar</p>
<p>Completeness of application</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.</p>