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At a glance: Visa for the purpose of applying for training or studies

Visa and entry procedure for immigrants from third countries subject to visa obligation General entitlement requirements (Section 5 Act on the Residence - AufenthG): passport, proof of financial means, no existing reason for expulsion



Step 1

Check the requirements

- Foreign school-leaving certificate with university entrance qualification
- Proof of German language competence: minimum requirement is level B2 (CEFR) (compulsory for applying for training)
- Secure financial means (scholarship, blocked account with at least EUR 1,027.5 per month (as of 2023) or letter of commitment)
- Age limit: 25 years of age (only for those seeking vocational training)

Please consider: Requirements may vary due to intergovernmental agreements and special arrangements.



Step 3

Apply for a visa in the country of residence

- · Bring documents in their entirety
- Fees: EUR 75 (in local currency)

Please consider: Processing time ranges from a few days to several weeks.



Step 5

Apply for a residence permit in Germany after admission to training programme or course of study

- Make appointment with foreigners authority
- Apply for residence permit: vocational training (Section 16a Act on the Residence - AufenthG) studies (Section 16b Act on the Residence - AufenthG)
- Request a list of the required documents from the foreigners authority and prepare them
- Handling fees can be up to EUR 100 (Section 45 Residence Ordinance - AufenthV)

Please consider: The residence permit must be applied for before the entry visa expires.

Step 2



Make an appointment at the German embassy

 Preparation of necessary documents: e.g. passport, proof of school leaving certificate, proof of financial means, proof of German language skills, visa application form

Please consider: The German embassies provide information about possible waiting times for appointments and any additional documents that may be required on their websites.

Step 4



Enter Germany

- Issuance of visa for the purpose of seeking training or a course of study
- · Book flight/journey to Germany

Please consider: It is mandatory to have sufficient health insurance coverage prior to entering Germany.

This overview is a simplified representation of the visa procedure. The steps described are solely for the purpose of clarifying the application procedure for residence permits. Further details on the visa application procedure and information on important points of contact can be found at www.make-it-in-germany.com.