The way into the German education system
Visa and entry procedures for immigrants from third countries subject to visa obligation

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- **Make an appointment at the German embassy**
  - Appointment request is free of charge
  - German embassies provide information about possible waiting times for appointments on their websites..

- **Apply for a visa**
  - Application form is free of charge
  - Fee: EUR 75
  - Processing time varies between a few days and several months
  - In case of rejection: re-application possible

- **Enter Germany**
  - It is mandatory to have sufficient health insurance coverage prior to entering Germany.

- **Apply for a residence permit**
  - Request the list of the required documents from the foreigners authority
  - General requirements: Passport + Proof of financial means + No existing reason for expulsion
  - The amount of the fee varies according to the region, purpose and duration of stay
  - The fee can be up to EUR 100

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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.

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