



## LEARNING & STUDYING IN GERMANY

Taking a language course or studying in Germany generally requires a visa.

Exempt from this regulation are EU citizens as well as those from the following countries: Andorra, Australia, Honduras, Iceland, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland, and the United States.

Citizens from these countries merely require a specific residence permit with the intention to study in Germany. This permit has to be requested no later than three months upon arrival in Germany at the respective Immigration Office.

### **Visa**

Citizens of all other countries have to apply for a visa at the German foreign agency – either the embassy or a consulate – of their home country.

There are three different kinds of visa:

- Language course visa
- Study applicant's visa and
- Student visa

A **tourist visa** cannot be changed into a student or language visa.

## PREREQUISITES FOR A VISA

We strongly recommend you gather information about the concrete conditions and prerequisites for a visa at the German embassy or at a German consulate in your home country, since different conditions may apply to each country and the formal procedure may take up to three months. Normally you must fulfil the following conditions for a visa as follows:



You will need sufficient financial means for both your language course as well as your everyday expenditures throughout your entire stay in the Federal Republic of Germany. You may be requested to provide proof of these means at the German embassy or consulate.

For the application, all the documents (see below) have to be complete. For the actual application you will need:

- a valid passport
- application forms completed
- two photographs
- a written confirmation by your parents or any other person that they will provide the necessary financial means for your stay in Germany (declaration of liability)
- proof of medical insurance for the duration of your stay
- proof of residence

## **LANGUAGE VISA**

A language visa entitles its holder exclusively to participation in a language course and may not be changed into a student visa. If you do not wish to rule out successive study in Germany you will have to note this in your application.

A specific requirement for a language visa is the written confirmation of a German language school or institute testifying to your registration for a language course comprising no less than 20 units a week. You will receive such a confirmation from EVOLANGUAGE if you have registered for one of our language courses from abroad.

The registration + administration fees for this service cost 200€.



The confirmation letter shall be sent to you as soon as the complete course fees including registration and administration fees have reached our bank account.

### ***Length of stay***

A visa is generally issued for 3 months and may be extended at any of the Immigration Offices for an additional 9 months. Hence, there is a one year maximum for language visas.

Only in exceptional cases will you be allowed to change a language visa into a student visa.

### **STUDY APPLICATION VISA**

If you have not received admission to an institution of tertiary education yet, you are entitled to apply for a study application visa which is valid for 3 months and can be extended in Germany for a maximum of 6 months. During this period, you will have to prove either admission into a university (or an equivalent institution) program, to a *studienkolleg* (preparatory course) or to a language course preparing you to study in Germany.

Hence, a study application visa entitles you to participate in language courses preparing students to study in Germany.

### ***Specific Requirements***

You are required to have completed secondary education. Your diploma shall entitle you to study at a German university or an equivalent institution or to enter the studienkolleg. Please look up the respective pages at the DAAD website ([www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)) to make sure your secondary education diploma meets this requirement.



### **Admission**

In order to prevent unnecessary delays with regard to your application, please bring along all required documents such as secondary and, in case this applies, tertiary education diplomas you may need to Germany in order to apply for admission here. Please make sure all documents are originals and don't forget the certified translations.

We are happy to advise you with regard to your admission to a German university or any equivalent institution, especially EAH-Jena. We can also undertake the university admission for you. The fees for that are 150 €. Just contact us well in advance.