

Language visas - check list

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For applications at a German diplomatic mission for the following types of visas:

- Language course visa
- Student applicant visas

Please consult the responsible German diplomatic mission for a full list of required application documents as visa requirements differ from country to country. A full list can be usually found on the website of the German diplomatic mission and often includes the following:

- Completed visa application form (two copies; available on the German diplomatic mission website)
- Passport valid for at least 3 months after departure date from Germany
- Three copies of your passport
- Two recently taken biometric photographs
- Confirmation from a language school of enrolment in an intensive language course for at least 6 months (with 18 teaching units per week)
- Proof of German Language Proficiency (we recommend B1 or at least A2 with a solid motivation)
- Proof of sufficient funds to support your living expenses for the duration of one year. (This most often takes the form of a limited-withdrawal “blocked” bank account (Sperrkonto) with a specific amount of funds – currently 10,236€)
- Proof of health insurance covering the whole duration of your stay in Germany
- Well-written formal motivation letter
- Proof of paid visa fee (depends on embassy)
- (Sometimes) earlier Schengen visas
- (Sometimes) proof of accommodation covering the whole duration of your stay in Germany

Additionally for study preparation visa:

- A school leaving certificate that allows you to enter university or an eligibility check certifying adequate education to study in Germany / alternatively a confirmation of getting admitted to a Preparatory Course for University
- Proof of having submitted University Application and/or Correspondences with a university
- Proof of German Language Proficiency (if existing – it influences your application positively)

This list is NOT valid for citizens of Australia (including the Cocos Islands, Norfolk Island, Christmas Island), Canada, Israel, Japan, the Republic of South Korea, New Zealand (including the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau), the USA, Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco, and San Marino who are applying within the Federal Republic of Germany.

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