

Language visas - check list

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For applications at the Foreigners' Office in Berlin for the following types of residence permits:

- Residence permit for attending a language course
- Residence permit for study preparation

Please prepare the following before visiting the Foreigners' Office:

- Passport valid for at least 3 months after departure date from Germany
- One recently taken biometric photo
- Filled out application form
(available on the German diplomatic mission or Foreigner's Office website)
- Confirmation from a language school of enrolment in an intensive language course for at least 3 months
(with 18 teaching units per week)
- Proof of health insurance covering the whole duration of your stay in Germany
- Proof of sufficient funds to support your living expenses for the duration of the visa (up to one year)
(This most often takes the form of a limited-withdrawal "blocked" bank account (Sperrkonto) with a specific amount of funds – currently 853€/month or 10,236€/year)
- Confirmation of main residence in Berlin
(Anmeldung)
- Appointment with the Foreigners' Office or same-day appointment
(usually involves queuing up before opening times!)
- Visa fee
(~56€ to 100€)

Additionally for study preparation purposes:

- high school diploma/university degree or other university entry certificate
- Clear & plausible intention to later study in Germany

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