



Visa to study in Germany

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In Germany, you can expect a wide range of opportunities to study and to do research. This is possible with an appropriate visa for this purpose. In addition, you need a school-leaving certificate that qualifies you to study (university entrance qualification) in Germany.

Applications can be submitted in person, with prior [appointment](#) and the following application documents:

- Personally signed **passport** (original with one copy of the passport data page), with at least two completely empty pages and sufficient validity
- Valid **Swiss residence** permit with one copy
- **Application form** fully completed and signed including declaration to section 54 residence Act: [application form](#) with one copy
- One passport sized **photo** – no older than three months, according to biometric standards
- **Evidence of admission** to university/ exchange semester/ degree course/ PhD program
- Proof of qualification: **high school diploma**/[APS certificate](#) with one copy
- Proof of **financial means** with one copy: To stay in Germany, each individual applicant must have at their disposal **at least 947 €** per month (12 month). Proof of these means ([blocked account](#) , [a formal obligation](#) by a third person in Germany or prove of scholarship
- **Health insurance** in line with EU standards (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 €, valid from the day of entry for 12 month
- Detailed **motivation letter** in German or English language with one copy
- Detailed **curriculum vitae** in German or English language with one copy
- Postage expenses of 7 Swiss Francs
- Visa **fee** of 75 Euro payable by cash in Swiss Francs, by Visa or MasterCard (information [here](#))

Please prepare the originals with **one set** of copies of all the indicated documents. Original documents will be return to you while a copy per set will be required. Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

The German Embassy Bern reserve the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the processing of your application.

In this visa category, most applications are typically processed within 4 weeks. Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa department and cannot be answered. We will contact you by email as soon as the decision has been made.



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The visa will be valid for max. 12 month and allows you to start your studies. In general, students holding a visa so study are permitted to work part-time to support themselves, up to 120 days or 240 half-days per year. Students at a preparatory college may not work during their first year of residence, except during holidays. You can travel in the entire Schengen area for 90 days per half year.

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