



**Information on how to apply for
a language course visa for Germany**

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If you intend to attend a language in Germany, you have to apply for a student visa before entering Germany. German law differs between language courses that are taken to start university afterwards and so-called “isolated” language courses with no connection to a study programme. A language course that prepares you for a university programme requires a proof that you have to have a knowledge of German for your intended study programme. Those language courses are usually offered by universities. A visa for a so-called “isolated” language course can be granted only in exceptional cases if you prove that knowledge of German is required for a job in Germany (e.g. as a doctor).

In principle, a decision about your visa application will be made in cooperation with the aliens’ authority at your intended place of residence in Germany. Therefore, processing time usually takes about four weeks. Processing time for “isolated” language courses can take about three months. The embassy highly recommends submitting your visa application as early as possible to avoid a delay of your entry into Germany. A visa application can be submitted up to three months prior to the intended date of entry.

An **appointment** can only be booked [online](#). The **visa fee** is 75€ and can be paid in cash or by credit card.

The following documents are requested:

- one filled in and signed application form including information according to Art. 55 German Law on Aliens (online form can be found [here](#) ; pdf form can be found [here](#))
- 1 biometric passport picture, not older than six months, white background, size: 45x35mm

The following documents have to be submitted in original with two simple copies each:

- valid passport with copies of the data page (signed, with at least three empty pages)
- registration for a language course of at least 18 hours/ week including information on length of the course, level and fees
- proof of (basic) knowledge of German according to the intended course level
- motivation letter including detailed personal arguments why you intend to learn German



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- Curriculum vitae
- If you intend to study afterwards and already have a bachelor or master degree: previous diplomas including proof of recognition in Germany (see www.anabin.kmk.org) or conditional admission letter of a German university
- If you intend to work afterwards in Germany: proof of your intended work, e.g. degree in medicine including proof of recognition in Germany (see www.anabin.kmk.org)
- Proof of sufficient financial means by blocked account *or* letter of financial obligation (issued by a German aliens' authority) with the following amount:
 - Language course that prepares you for a university programme: 992€/ month for the entire stay (for stays of more than 12 months for the first year of your stay, in total 11,904€/ year)
 - Any other language course: 1,027.40€/ month for the entire stay
- Lithuanian residence permit (front and back page)
- health insurance for a long-term stay in Germany

General information:

- All foreign language documents (except passport, residence permit, health insurance) have to be accompanied by a translation into German.
- If you have to prove knowledge of German, you have to submit a language certificate issued by the Goethe Institut, ÖSD, telc language schools, TestDaF or ALTE.
- Scholarship programmes: If the amount of your scholarship is less than 934€/ months, you have to submit an additional proof of financial means by blocked account *or* letter of financial obligation issued by a German aliens' authority (amount = 934€ - scholarship amount x number of months of your stay).
- Make sure to submit all requested documents. Incomplete applications may be refused upon submitting or after processing your application. The embassy may request additional documents upon submitting or while processing your application.