



Information on visas for a vocational training in Germany

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If you intend to attend a vocational training in Germany, you have to apply for a national visa including work permit before entering Germany. Knowledge of German is mandatory in this case, usually at the level of A2, often B1.

In principle, a decision about your visa application will be made in cooperation with the agency of labour in Germany. Therefore, processing time usually takes about 1-2 weeks. 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. Processing time for Erasmus students is usually about a week.

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](#))
- 2 biometric passport pictures, not older than six months, white background, size: 45x35mm
- health insurance (see information below)

The following documents have to be submitted in original with one simple copy each:

- valid passport with copies of the data page (signed, with at least three empty pages)
- signed training contract including training programme
- language certificate
- if the training salary is less than 990€/ month (gross salary), the missing amount (990€-salary x 12 months) has to be proven by blocked account; if your employer takes care of accommodation etc., please contact the embassy in advance
- detailed curriculum vitae
- detailed motivation letter
- if applicable: previous diplomas
- Lithuanian residence permit (front and back page)



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General information:

- All foreign language documents (except passport, health insurance, Lithuanian residence permit) have to be accompanied by a translation into German.
- 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).
- Health insurance: The mandatory health insurance in Germany covers you only once you have actually started to study in Germany. Therefore, together with your visa application you have to provide an additional travel health insurance for the validity of your visa. It is not sufficient to submit your Lithuanian health insurance card as this insurance does not cover all necessary services during a long-term stay.
- 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 any ALTE institution.
- 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.