

National Visa for Language Course

1. General Information

Please note that your visa application must be made in person and will be accepted only if all required documents are submitted according to our regulations.

Appointments can be booked online (free of charge) here
www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by two copies, sorted in two sets. **Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German.**

Important information:

The type of your language course must be clearly specified in the visa application. There is two types of language courses: **the preparatory course** (the language prepares you for subsequent university studies in Germany) and the **intensive course** (the language course stands individually as an intensive language course).

If the visa application correctly refers to a preparatory course, the applicant is entitled to stay in Germany until the start of the university studies even after the language course ended.

An intensive course must conform to the provisions of the Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Residence Act). Generally, the course must include daily lessons with not less than 18 hours per week. Evening and weekend classes are not sufficient. The course's objective must be to acquire profound knowledge of the German language and its duration must be limited. German knowledge prior to the course is not imperative.

2. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is € 75, 00. This amount has to be paid in cash or via credit card. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of the application or upon denial is not possible. Foreigners who are granted a scholarship by public German Institutions (Awardees DAAD, ERASMUS) are exempt from the fee.

3. Process

Processing visa usually takes at least four weeks. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their application.

4. Required documents:

| All documents need to be provided as an original plus two copies: (Please note that a printout of an email document is not considered an original!) | Submitted: |
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| Valid Passport and valid residence permit for Estonia (+ 2 copies of all pages with records) | |
| Two recent passport photographs (45X35mm) | |
| Two application forms and declaration in accordance with section 54 (2) No. 8 i.V.m. § 53 of the Residence Act https://tallinn.diplo.de/ | |
| Proof of previous (or current) education, including diplomas or documents confirming previous jobs or professional training (original and two copies) | |
| Confirmation of the language school with information about the duration and the place of the language course (original and two copies) | |
| Letter of motivation | |
| If applicable: proof of payment of the language course | |
| If you have been granted a scholarship by public institutions (DAAD, ERASMUS): a confirmation of the grant | |
| <p>Proof of sufficient funds for the stay, at least € 947.00 per month; i.e. either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proof of scholarship (at least € 947.00 per month; if the scholarship is lower, the difference must be covered by one of the following means) <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a formal assurance of coverage according to §§ 66-68 Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Residence Act), in which a third party agrees to pay for your expenses in Germany. Immigration offices (Ausländerbehörden) and registry offices (Meldebehörden) in Germany provide the necessary forms; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a German blocked account with a deposit payment high enough to cover your complete stay. The deposit must be at least € 11.364.00 with a maximum withdrawal of € 947.00 per month. <p>Further information on the opening of a blocked bank account can be found on our website "Opening a blocked bank account (Sperrkonto) for students".</p> <p>Some providers of blocked accounts will request a certified signature on their application form. Should this be the case, please make an additional appointment for signature verification (Unterschriftsbeglaubigung) on the website of the German embassy.</p> | |
| Proof of health insurance during your entire stay in Germany - minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro. (original + copy) | |

Please ensure that your application documents are complete. Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.

This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.

In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.