

Working Holiday Visa

Visa-free travel

Citizens of Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan and New Zealand may apply for their working holiday residence permit with the local immigration office (“Ausländerbehörde”) after arrival in Germany and without having obtained a visa prior to travelling to Germany. Please note that you need to register your new residence (“Anmeldung”) with the authorities (“Meldebehörde”) within 2 weeks of having moved in and apply for your residence permit with the local immigration office (“Ausländerbehörde”) within the first 90 days of stay in Germany. It is important to note that you may only take up employment once you have been issued a residence permit explicitly authorising working holiday employment. You may also choose to apply for a visa prior to travel, effectively permitting employment from the first day of visa validity.

Citizens of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay require a visa prior to travel to Germany.

Korean nationals have to apply with the German Embassy in Seoul. Holders of Taiwan passports may only apply with the German Institute in Taipei. Holders of SAR Hong Kong and British National (Overseas) Passports must apply with the Consulate General in Hong Kong. Brazilian nationals may apply at any German mission in Brazil.

General Information

To be eligible for a Working Holiday Visa and apply at the German Embassy in Tallinn you must

- be at least 18 years of age but have not turned 31 yet when filing your application,
- not be accompanied by dependent family members (e.g. children) during your stay,

The Working Holiday Visa Program aims at enabling young people to gain insight into culture and daily life in Germany. The intention is to promote increased mutual understanding and your primary aim should be to visit Germany. Employment is permitted throughout the validity of the visa but should remain of temporary character in order to facilitate additional

financial means to your holiday travel intentions in Germany. Conditions regarding length and type of employment are governed by the individual bilateral agreement:

- Citizens of Argentina may work for a total of six months only.
- Citizens of Chile and Uruguay may work for up to six months with the same employer. After that employment may be continued for a different or several other employers for the remaining time. Both fulltime and part-time employment are allowed.

How to apply for your visa:

1. Complete the [online application form](#), print the form including the barcodes twice and sign both copies

2. Compile your supporting documentation:

- 2 printouts of the **online application form** including barcodes
- **Valid passport** signed by the holder, issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months beyond the validity of the visa applied for. The passport needs to have at least 2 subsequent blank pages and
- **2 photocopies of the passport biodata page**
- **2 fully biometric passport photos**, 35 x 45 mm, no older than three months. Digitally altered passport photos cannot be accepted.
- **Evidence of sufficient funds** to cover your living expenses in Germany for the first three months of your stay 400 € for each month (1200 €) plus the costs for your accommodation. You need to provide your own bank account statements (not of third persons!) of the last three months before application. Additionally to the recent bank statements, you have to show us the corresponding banking card for this account on your name OR your bank has to stamp and sign the account statements. (plus 2 copies)
- **Proof of accommodation** (plus 2 copies): If you booked a **hostel, hotel, or similar**, you need a booking confirmation or the proof that you have paid the accommodation, otherwise you need to have sufficient funds on your account to be able to pay for it.

If you intend to stay with friends or family, you need to present a letter of invitation where your host confirms with his signature that you can stay without costs. A copy of the ID or passport of the inviting person must be provided.

In any case you have to provide a proof where you will stay in the first 14 days after arrival in Germany.

- **proof of transport** (plus 2 copies) from Tallinn to Germany AND return ticket to your home country

Note: If you do not have a return ticket to your home country, you need to add 1000 Euro to the amount of sufficient funds.

If you cannot proof that date of the return ticket is changeable, the visa might be issued only until that date. Please highlight relevant passages in the booking terms and conditions!

- **Confirmation of health insurance and accident insurance cover** (plus 2 copies) valid in Germany to remain in force through your stay including details about coverage (at least € 30,000 and including costs for medical evacuation/repatriation as well as repatriation of body/urn in case of death) Note: Please highlight relevant passages in the insurance terms and conditions!
- **Curriculum vitae** in German or English signed by you – in 2 copies (no internet translations accepted!)
- **Personal motivation letter** in German or English explaining in detail what you plan and what motivates you to take part in a working holiday program and what you expect to achieve through this program signed by you – in 2 copies (Note: Standardized letters from the internet are not accepted.)
- **Visa fee** of 75 Euro, payable by credit card or cash
- **Argentinian nationals** are also required to provide:
 - - Argentinian D.N.I.
 - - police conduct from either Argentina www.argentina.gob.ar/solicitar-certificado-de-antecedentes-penales and country of current residence (if you have lived there within the last six months) issued within last 3 months
- **Processing time:** most applications will usually be processed within 2 weeks. . Applicants will be notified on any change of status or progress of the application as soon as possible and whenever necessary. Please do not enquire on the current status of proceedings.

3. Visit our website www.tallinn.diplo.de to **book an appointment** to apply for your visa in the category “Working Holiday Visa” only. Bookings in other categories will be cancelled ! If you cannot attend your appointment, please cancel it as soon as possible. Persons who do not show up will be blocked for new appointments in Tallinn.

What else do I need to know? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

All applicants have to submit the **original** (or a certified copy) of the above documents. Documents (flight booking, proof of funds and insurances) in a foreign language - excluding English or German - must be provided with an official translation into German. Please highlight relevant passages in the terms and conditions in each of these documents!

Applications have to be made **in person** by the applicant at the Embassy. All matters regarding the visa application can only be discussed with the applicant him- or herself. If your German, English or Estonian language skills are not sufficient, a person who can translate should accompany you to the appointment.

Please arrive punctually at the beginning of your appointment with fully completed applications and the documents specified in the information sheet, otherwise your application cannot be accepted and you will have to book a new appointment.

Please hand in your documents **in the above-mentioned order - the originals and, separately, two sets of copies each.**

Please note that only complete visa applications with all the documents required can be accepted. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

There is no guarantee that a visa will be issued and we wish to point out that it is at the discretion of the Embassy always to request additional documents at any time while processing the visa. Presenting the aforementioned documents does not guarantee that a visa will be granted.

To receive your visa sticker you have to appear in person to the Embassy. Please check immediately at the counter, whether all data on your visa sticker is correct and advise any discrepancies. The Embassy will not be held liable for mistakes, if it was not notified of instantly.

Once you take domicile in Germany, you must report to the registration authority (Einwohnermeldeamt or Bürgeramt) within the first two weeks to get a certificate of registration of the domicile (Meldebescheinigung).