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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 authorizing 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 submitting Working Holiday visa application 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.

Working Holiday Visa Program enables 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 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 six months, the employment can be continued for a different or several other employers for the remaining time. Both fulltime and part-time employments are allowed.

Online appointment bookings only in the category of “Working Holiday Visa“ on our website:
https://service2.diplo.de/rktermin/extern/choose_realmList.do?locationCode=tall&request_locale=en

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.

Required documents

Please make sure that you provide a complete application form and all documents required.
Incomplete applications will not be considered!

Please sort the documents according in the following order:

- 1 filled-in and signed **visa application form**:
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- **your national passport**, issued not earlier than 10 years ago and valid throughout your entire stay in Germany), + 1 copy of **all pages with records**
- 1 **passport photo, 35 x 45 mm**, no older than three months. Digitally altered passport photos cannot be accepted
- **your bank account statements** to prove that you possess sufficient funds to cover your living expenses in Germany for the first 3 months of your stay. You have to verify that you had these funds constantly on your personal bank account during the last three months. Bank account statements of third persons are not accepted.
- **proof of accommodation** : If you have booked a hostel, hotel, or similar, you need a booking confirmation or the proof that you have paid for 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 and current registration certificate of the inviting person must be provided.
- **proof of transportation** from Tallinn to Germany and return ticket to your home country
If you do not have a return ticket to your home country, you need to add 1000 € 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** valid in Germany 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.

- your **Curriculum vitae** in German or English signed by you, Google Translate or similar translation is not accepted.
- **Your 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, what you expect to achieve through this program. **Standardized letters from the internet are not accepted.**
- **Nationals of Argentina** are also required to provide a police conduct from either Argentina or country of your current residence (if you have lived there the last six months) issued within last 3 months.

Processing time

Usually the Working & Holiday visa applications will be processed within 1-2 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.**

What else do I need to know? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

All applicants have to submit the **originals** (or a certified copy) of the above documents. Documents (flight booking, proof of funds and insurances) in a foreign language must be provided with an official translation into German or English. **Only complete visa applications with all the documents required can be accepted. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.**

Visa applications must be submitted **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 (previous agreement with embassy mandatory!).

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.

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.