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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.

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by 1 copy. Printout of a PDF file is not considered original. Physical document with the original signatures of both parties and/or electronically signed document with certification are considered originals.

Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German or English.

Your original documents (certificates, diplomas, etc.) and passport will be checked and returned to you.

Appointments can be booked online free of charge: www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Important information:

The type of your language course must be clearly specified in the visa application. There are two types of language courses: **the preparatory course** (the language course 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 objective of the course 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 per credit card. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of the application or up-on 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 1 copy. Please sort the documents according to the following order:	Submitted:
your national passport (validity of which has to exceed at least 6 months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago), + 1 copy of all pages with records	
your Estonian residence permit or visa, held for at least 3 months at the time of application and for additional 2 months after your entry to Germany, + 1 copy	
your current resident registration card/document from Estonian authority	
1 recent passport photo (45x35mm)	
1 filled-in and signed visa application form: https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt	
Proof of previous (or current) education, including diplomas or documents confirming previous jobs or professional training , + 1 copy	
Confirmation of the language school with information about the duration and the place of the language course, + 1 copy	
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, + 1 copy	
Proof of sufficient funds for the stay, at least € 1.027,00 per month; i.e. either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proof of scholarship (at least € 1.027,00 per month; if the scholarship is lower, the difference must be covered by one of the following means) or - a German blocked account with a deposit payment high enough to cover your complete stay. The deposit must be at least € 12.324,00 per year with a maximum withdrawal of € 1.027,00 per month Further information on the opening of a blocked bank account can be found here: https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/proof-of-financing/ or - a formal assurance of coverage according to §§ 66-68 Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Residence Act), in which a third party living in Germany agrees to pay for your expenses in Germany. Immigration offices (Ausländerbehörden) and registry offices (Meldebehörden) in Germany provide the necessary forms. 	
Proof of health insurance during your entire stay in Germany - minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro	

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.