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German language course

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.

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

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 not the course is not imperative.

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.

Processing visa usually takes few 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.

Required documents

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

- 1 filled-in and signed **visa application form**:
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- your **national passport** (validity of which has to exceed at least 6 months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago), + copies of **all pages with records**

- your **Estonian residence permit or visa** must have sufficient validity allowing you to return to Estonia after the language course in Germany has been completed
- your current **resident registration certificate from Estonian population register**
- 1 recent **passport photo** (45x35mm)
- **proof of previous (or current) education**, including diplomas or documents confirming previous jobs or professional training
- **confirmation of the language school** with information about the duration and the place of the language course
- **your motivation letter**
- 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**
- **proof of health insurance** during your entire stay in Germany - minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro
- **proof of sufficient funds** for the stay, at least € 1.091,00 per month; i.e. either:
 - proof of scholarship (at least € 1.091,00 per month in 2026; 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 € 13.092,00 per year with a maximum withdrawal of € 1.091,00 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.

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**This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.
In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.**