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Visa to complete a degree programme and to look for a university place pursuant to Sections 16b and 17 (2) of the German Residence Act - AufenthG.



Requirements fulfilled

You can apply here for a visa to complete a degree programme or to look for a university place pursuant to Sections 16b and 17 (2) of the German Residence Act – AufenthG.

Important information for completing the form:

- Most of the information in this form must be supported with corresponding documents. You can find references to the documents (“Supported by”) in the appropriate places in the form.
- Once you have submitted the form, a detailed list of the required documents will appear in the “Your documents” section.
- If the information you provide leads to the assumption that you do not fulfil the requirements for a visa, this will be indicated at the relevant points in this form.
- Please answer all the questions in this form completely and truthfully.
- Once you have completed your application, your details and supporting documents will be checked. The German Mission responsible for you will inform you of whether these are correct and sufficient.

Degree programme



Admission to a full-time or part-time degree programme is deemed to be admission to a degree programme at a German university. This includes:

- Bachelor’s degree programmes (first degree)
- Master’s degree programmes (advanced degree)
- A second degree programme (Bachelor or Master)
- Doctoral programmes (degree with doctorate)

You can study at the following institutions:

- State or state-recognised higher education institutions (universities, teacher training colleges, art colleges or universities of applied sciences)
- Comparable training institutions (e.g. dual study programmes at universities of applied sciences)
- Vocational academies

You would like to study in Germany. Have you already been admitted to a degree programme at a German university?

- Yes 
- No, but I have confirmation of acceptance for a preparatory programme (preparatory college, preparatory language course). 
- No, I would like to travel to Germany to look for a university place there.

German schools abroad (DAS) are schools outside of Germany that are supported and supervised by the Federal Republic of Germany. These include, for instance, the German Abitur school-leaving certificate abroad (DIA) and the International

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Certificate from the German school abroad or a certificate of higher education entrance qualification obtained in Germany

Do you have a degree from a German school abroad or a higher education entrance qualification or entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences obtained in Germany which qualifies you for higher education studies in Germany?

- Yes
- No, I have another qualification that qualifies me to study at a university in Germany or to attend a preparatory college.

You can start your degree programme immediately if


- no preparatory programmes are required in your admission letter

In principle, you can also start your degree programme immediately if

- your admission letter only lists conditions that are not preparatory measures. Whether you can start studying immediately depends on the respective condition.

If preparatory programmes are required in your admission letter, you cannot start your degree programme until you have successfully completed these programmes.


Are you allowed to start studying straight away once you have been admitted?

- Yes
- No, my admission is linked to a preparatory course that I have to complete before starting my studies. 

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Letter of admission from a university

What kind of degree programme is it?

- I have been admitted to a full-time degree programme and can start straight away.
- I have been admitted to a full-time degree programme and can basically start straight away. Admission is subject to a condition that is not a preparatory programme. 
- I have been admitted to a part-time degree programme and can start straight away.

In order to obtain the doctoral degree of PhD in Germany, you must conduct an independent research project that concludes with a dissertation. You also need to pass an oral examination or a viva voce examination.

Is it a doctorate with the aim of obtaining a PhD?

- Yes
- No


Language skills


The required language levels – for example B2 – are defined according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) that serves as an international benchmark for language skills.

[More information regarding language levels](#)

[More information regarding language certificates and the authorised institutions that offer language courses.](#)

Do you have level B2 German language skills or higher and can you prove this with an ALTE, DSD or DSH language certificate?

- Yes
- No, I can prove the language skills required for my degree programme by other means. 

You need sufficient language skills in the language of instruction of your degree programme. Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is usually sufficient. 

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Letter of admission or separate confirmation from the university or a language certificate

How will you provide proof of the required language skills for your degree programme?

- My language skills were tested by the university. I can prove this with the letter of admission from the university.
- My language skills were tested by the university. I can prove this with separate confirmation from the university.
- I can prove the required knowledge of the language of instruction by means of a language certificate.
- I currently have no suitable proof of my language skills.

Livelihood

In order to obtain a visa to study, it is important that you are financially secure. This means that you do not need any financial support from the state to pay your costs such as rent, food or insurance in Germany. If you do not have a scholarship, you can also prove that you are able to support yourself in other ways (e.g. a blocked account or a Declaration of Commitment). 

More information on the topic of "Securing your livelihood" while studying can be found on the information page on [visas for completing a degree programme and finding a place to study](#).

Please note that under "Your application (VIDEX)" you must provide further information on your financial means. Please indicate the type of financial means you would like to use (for instance: blocked account) and provide further details if necessary.

Do you have a German or EU scholarship that covers all or part of your living expenses?

- Yes, I can already cover my living expenses in full with the German or EU scholarship.
- Yes, I can partially cover my living expenses with the German or EU scholarship.
- No, I can prove that I can support myself in other ways.

You must be able to finance your living expenses for the first year of study. You can find the exact amounts on the information page about the visa for study and finding a place to study [Studies and Search for a place to study](#).

In order to obtain a visa to study, it is important that you have sufficient financial means for the duration of the maximum visa period of one year. This means that you do not need any financial support from the state to pay your costs such as rent, food or insurance in Germany. You can provide proof of sufficient funds to cover your livelihood in various ways. The most important options are the blocked bank account and the Declaration of Commitment.



More information on the topic of “Securing your livelihood” can be found on the information page on [visas for completing a degree programme and finding a place to study](#).

Please note that under “Your application (VIDEX)” you must provide further information on your financial means. Please indicate the type of financial means you would like to use (for instance: blocked account) and provide further details if necessary.

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Please provide proof of how you will secure your livelihood. You can find out which documents you need to submit in the “Your documents” section.

How will you secure your livelihood during your first year of study?

- I will secure my livelihood entirely through a blocked account, a Declaration of Commitment, other funding programmes or similar support. 
- I will secure my livelihood partly through a blocked account, a Declaration of Commitment, other funding programmes and additionally through employment. 
- I do not have suitable proof of how I will fully secure my livelihood.

Fees

All students who enrol on a new degree programme or who wish to re-register for the next semester are required to pay semester fees. The following costs may be included in the semester fees:

- Costs for a semester ticket that allows students to use public transport
- Administrative costs
- Contribution to the student support service (Studierendenwerk)
- Contribution to the student body

If you only have to pay semester fees, you can answer this question with “No”.

Tuition fees are costs for degree programmes that must be paid in addition to the semester fees. These are often degree programmes at private universities. However, additional fees may also be charged at state universities, for instance, for special Master’s degree programmes.

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Proof provided by the university showing fee amounts

Do you have to pay tuition fees for your studies in addition to the semester fees?

- Yes. The fee amounts are listed in the university’s letter of admission.
- Yes. I can prove the fee amounts with an additional document from the university.
- No

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Suitable proof of financial means to cover tuition fees

Can you finance the tuition fees in addition to your living expenses?

- Yes
- No

APS certificate

The Academic Examination Board (APS) only exists in China, Vietnam and India. This is a joint organisation of the German Embassy and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The APS checks the authenticity of the educational certificates submitted and issues a certificate if the result is positive. If you have a school-leaving certificate issued in China, India or Vietnam, you will also need an APS certificate to apply to study in Germany. If you obtained your school-leaving certificate in another region – which in this case also includes the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau – you do not need any further certificates.

Did you complete your school education in China, India or Vietnam?

Yes

No

Legal age

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If you are not of legal age in the country in which you are applying, you will need a declaration of consent from your legal guardian.

Are you of legal age at the time of application in the country in which you are applying?

Yes

No

Entry form complete

You have fully completed the entry form and fulfil all the necessary requirements. You can now proceed with your application. If it is not possible to submit this application in a group but only as a single application you will be informed accordingly in the next step of the process.

To submit your application, please complete the following steps:

- Fill in the application form
- Upload all required supporting documents