

Checklist for a German national visa - students -

Before filling out the application form (step 5) and booking an appointment (step 6), please prepare the following documentation for your student visa:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	valid passport (issued within the last 10 years and with at least 12 months validity left after the scheduled return)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 passport pictures according to biometric specifications
<input type="checkbox"/>	cover letter from applicant explaining the exact purpose and duration of stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	letter of admission from German university (electronic version)
<input type="checkbox"/>	proof of payment of study fees, if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	proof of language proficiency in English and/or German (ONLY if course is taught in German)
<input type="checkbox"/>	proof of other academic qualifications , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>proof of financial means to cover the costs for the time of your studies by one of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confirmation of scholarship/ stipend - "Verpflichtungserklärung" (formal obligation letter) by sponsor living in Germany <p>When applying for visa, you can provide evidence that you are able to meet your living costs by opening a blocked bank account. You have free choice of provider. To the best of the Embassy/Consulate General's knowledge, the Kotak Mahindra Bank offers blocked accounts in India that meet the requirements of the visa procedure. Information on providers that offer this service worldwide is available on the Federal Foreign Office website.</p> <p><u>PLEASE NOTE:</u></p> <p>You cannot withdraw more than 720 Euros per month from a blocked account. However, especially at the beginning of your stay, you might be required to spend more than 720 Euros in a month (e.g. to pay a deposit when renting a room or an apartment). It is therefore highly recommended to make sure that you have access to sufficient financial means according to your individual situation.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	travel health insurance covering the period from your departure to the date of enrolment at the university (mentioned in your letter of admission) (approx. 3 months)

Please prepare two identical application sets with the above-mentioned documents and bring your original certificates along.

Please note that the German Consulate General reserves the right to ask for additional documents or the verification of certificates, for which additional fees would be charged.

As your application will be forwarded to the competent immigration authorities in Germany, the processing of your application will take six to eight weeks. You are therefore advised to **apply well in advance** of the proposed beginning of your studies.

The submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to appear for a visa interview may result in the rejection of your application.

Please return to our website and **continue with step 5** of the application process.