



July 13th, 2020

Simplified prolongation of national visas (D-category) that expired during Covid-19 lockdown

If your visa for family reunification, studies, high qualified employment issued by the Embassy or one of the German Consulates in India has expired during lockdown, you can hand in an application for re-issuing of visa through **VFS Visa Application Centres in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad until August 13th, 2020 (deadline)**. After this date, a new visa application with all necessary documents has to be handed in.

Eligibility:

- You are physically present in India
- Your D-visa was valid at least until March 16th, 2020
- Your visa has already expired or will expire within one month
- Purpose of travel and destination of travel (address of future residence, university, employer) remain unchanged

Documents to be presented through VFS:

- **For all categories:**
 - Your passport with the expired visa
- **Family reunification / intended marriage:**
 - Copy of the residence permit of your spouse, if he/she is not a German / European citizen
 - Salary slips of the last three months of your spouse in Germany (does not apply to German and European spouses)
 - For intended Marriage additionally: New certificate of intended marriage if the intended date of marriage has passed and new letter of guarantee (Verpflichtungserklärung) if the previous one was issued over six months ago
- **Employment visa:**
 - Up-to-date confirmation issued by your employer in Germany, stating that the work contract is still valid and that your travel to Germany is urgently required despite the pandemic

situation (this document will also be required when crossing German immigration at the airport)

- If you applied with a pre-approval of ZAV, it must be renewed in case it is older than six months
- Up-to-date proof of health insurance for Germany
- **Study-related visas:**
 - Letter of enrollment (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung) or new admission (Zulassungsbescheinigung) for the upcoming semester
 - Written confirmation of the university that your physical presence in Germany is necessary as the studies cannot fully be pursued remotely (this document will also be required when crossing German immigration at the airport)
 - Up-to-date bank statement regarding your blocked account
 - Up-to-date proof of health insurance for Germany

The Embassy / Consulates will contact you if further additional documents have to be presented. As reissuing procedure depends on the individual case, no average processing time can be estimated. Thus, please refrain from sending status requests to our Missions.

The re-issuing of D-visa is free of charge. VFS service charge will apply.

Before booking a flight ticket, please wait for return of your passport and consult information about the current exemptions from the entry ban to Germany on our website and respect quarantine regulations in effect in Germany. Transport regulations applicable to the current repatriation flights offered by various airlines and third-country transit rules might be more restrictive than German entry regulations.