



## WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

The *Working Holiday Scheme* aims to enable citizens of Hong Kong between 18 and 30 years to gain an insight into the culture and daily life in the Federal Republic of Germany. It allows them to travel to Germany for a stay of up to twelve (12) months. Since the *Working Holiday Scheme* is intended to promote greater mutual understanding, the applicant's primary aim should be to visit Germany. However, to help finance the stay, short-term employments of not more than three (3) months each can be taken up with different employers of the visa holder's choice. The applicant may enrol on one training or study course of up to six (6) months during the course of their visit. The visa application can only be submitted three months ahead of the planned departure. 300 Working Holiday Visa per year which will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

All applicants must produce a valid passport. Persons without a resident status in Hong Kong cannot apply. Applicants cannot be accompanied by dependent family members.

Please submit the documents listed below in according order in original and one complete set of copies. Originals will be returned after examination. Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff:

- Fully completed and signed [visa application forms](#)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#)
- Passport, which is valid for at least three months after leaving the Schengen area, which was issued in the last ten years and with at least two free pages (copy of photo page and pages with visas, stamps, etc. required)
- **Three** recent passport photographs that can support biometric checks
- A copy of your flight reservation
- Proof of address of accommodation (e.g. hotel confirmation) during the first week of your stay in Germany
- Proof of travel health insurance covering the whole period of your stay with a minimum coverage of 30.000 EUR
- Proof of sufficient funds (at least 2,000.00 EUR) in the past three months. Evidence of funds has to be provided (e.g., recent bank statements, savings account passbook or an official patronage declaration with proof of income of the patron) **or** support letter from parents and bank statement of parents of the last three months (incl. birth certificate as proof of the name of the parents and passport copies of parents)
- a motivation letter and a curriculum vitae
- a detailed monthly travel plan for the entire stay

Processing takes 7 to 15 days upon submission of complete documents. The application must be lodged no earlier than three months prior to departure.

### Visa application fees:

75 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate.

Please note: Each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents might vary. The Consulate General reserves the right to ask for additional documents at all times. Besides, the submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee the issue of a visa (in time). Submission of an incomplete application may lead to a refusal of your visa application. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered.

**LOOKING FOR A JOB IN GERMANY?**

In all larger towns in Germany you can obtain information on available jobs from the local employment office ("Agentur für Arbeit"). However, this office can only be of assistance if you want to spend at least several weeks working for the same employer. Otherwise, you are advised to establish direct contact with potential employers.