



STUDENT VISA

If you wish to study at a university in Germany, you are required to obtain a residence permit. This residence permit must be issued before you enter the country. Please note that you **cannot convert** a “tourist visa” into a “student visa”.

Please submit the documents listed below in according order in original and two copies each (copies distributed into two sets). Originals will be returned after examination. Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff:

- Fully completed and signed [visa application form](#)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#)
- Passport, which is valid for at least six months, 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 photos according to biometric specifications
- Letter of acceptance by a German university
- Entitlement to university admission (usually a high school diploma or graduation examination certificate). Your diploma/certificate must be [recognized in Germany](#).
- Evidence of previous academic performance (e.g. transcript record)
- Proof of German language knowledge (if lectures will be conducted in English language, a confirmation from the home and host university on this fact proved by IELTS, TOEFL & Cambridge English Test)
- Curriculum vitae
- Financial proof with a minimum of 861 Euro per month (Euro 10.332/ year) by one of the following:
 - A blocked account (“Sperrkonto”) at a German bank showing a minimum amount according to the duration of your intended stay (withdrawal limit of 861 EUR per month). You have to open the blocked account [directly with the bank](#) or
 - Proof of scholarship or
 - Financial obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) from the local aliens authorities in Germany signed by a person supporting you financially
- Proof of travel health insurance covering the whole period of your stay with a minimum coverage of 30.000 EUR
- In case of student exchange: letter from your home university that you are taking part in an exchange programme and that you will return to this school to continue your study

Processing time can take 2 to 3 months. The Consulate General forwards the application to the competent aliens authorities in Germany and does not have any influence on the processing time. It is recommended to purchase a flight ticket only once the visa has been granted. Please refrain from requesting visa status update within the two months period after submission. The applicant will be notified promptly upon completion of the processing.

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 set of documents will lead to a refusal of your visa application. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered. There is no legal right for visas and there is no urgent/express visa! This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.