



## Student Visa (§ 16b AufenthG)

If you wish to study for 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”.

### General Information

- The application can be submitted at the earliest 6 months before the planned entry.
- The standard processing time can take up to 4 weeks, in individual cases even longer.
- Documents that are not issued in German or English must be submitted together with a translation.
- The Consulate General reserves the right to request further documentation.

### Checklist

Please submit the documents listed below in according order in original and one copy each.

Originals will be returned after examination.  
Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff. Please do not staple the documents.

- Fully completed and signed [visa application form](#) (no copy required)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#) (no copy required)
- 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)
- Proof of residency in Hong Kong
  - Hong Kong stay permit and a Hong Kong Identity Card or
  - Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card (only applicable for non Hong Kong passport holders)
- Two passport photos according to [biometric specifications](#) (not older than 3 months)
- Unconditional admission/acceptance letter from a German university
- Entitlement to university admission  
(usually a high school diploma or graduation examination certificate)
- Evidence of previous academic performance (e. g. transcript record)
- Proof of required language knowledge
  - For lectures conducted in German:
    - proof of sufficient German language knowledge (Goethe Institut, TestDaF)
  - For lectures conducted in English:
    - letter from the university in Germany confirming that lectures will be hold in English and
    - proof of sufficient English language knowledge (IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge) unless or
    - proof that previous studies have been in English as well
- Curriculum vitae

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial proof with a minimum of 934 EUR per month (11,208 EUR/year) by one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A blocked account (“Sperrkonto”) at a German bank showing a minimum amount according to the duration of your intended stay (withdrawal limit of 934 EUR per month). You have to open the blocked account directly with the bank or</li><li>- Proof of scholarship or</li><li>- Financial obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) issued by the local aliens authorities in Germany signed by a person supporting you financially</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of travel health insurance stating <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- name of the applicant</li><li>- coverage of at least 30.000 EUR for medical expenses and repatriation</li><li>- valid for the entire Schengen area</li><li>- valid for at least three months the date of departure</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa application fee<br>75 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate.  |