



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 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 months each can be taken up with different employers of the visa holder's choice.

300 Working Holiday Visa per year which will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

General Information

- The application can be submitted at the earliest 6 months before the planned entry.
- The standard processing time can take up to 2 weeks.
- 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 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)
- Proof of residency in Hong Kong
 - Hong Kong stay permit and Hong Kong Identity Card or
 - Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card (only applicable for non Hong Kong passport holders)
- Three passport photos according to [biometric specifications](#) (not older than 3 months)
- Signed motivation letter and detailed monthly travel plan for the entire stay
- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of address of accommodation (e.g. hotel confirmation) for the first week of your stay
- Proof of travel health insurance covering the "Working Holiday Programme"
- Proof of sufficient funds (at least 2,000.00 EUR) in the past three months.
Evidence of own 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).
- A copy of your flight reservation
- Visa application fee
75 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate.

*Foreign certificates require legalisation, apostille or certification before they can be accepted for a visa application. Please check the website of the German mission in the respective country well in advance.