

## AU-PAIR VISA

If you wish to work in Germany as an au pair (min. 6 to max. 12 months), you are required to apply for a national visa. To apply for the visa, you must be **between 18 and 27 years old** at the time of application.

All applicants must produce a valid passport. Persons without a resident status in Hong Kong cannot apply.

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 (not older than three months)
- Proof of German language knowledge (Goethe-Institut Level A1 or any language certificate based on the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe)
- Signed au-pair contract based on the [specimen contract](#) published by the Federal Employment Agency (“Bundesagentur für Arbeit”). A printout or fax copy will be accepted if the au-pair post was offered through an agency with [RAL Gütezeichen](#) (Quality Mark)
- Au pair [questionnaire for host families](#) provided by the Federal Employment Agency
- Residence registration certificate (“Meldebescheinigung”) of the host family which includes the children and passport copies of both host parents
- Motivation letter with details about the au pair activity in Germany, perspectives and plans after the au pair activity, classification of desired profession and the reasons why you want to learn German
- Confirmation that the host family speaks German as their native language. At least one adult family member must be a German citizen or citizen of an EU/EEA nation or Switzerland). If German is not spoken as a native language by both host parents, neither of the host parents may come from the au pair’s home country.

Please find the [Fact sheet for au pairs in German families](#) on the webpage of the Federal Employment Agency (“Bundesagentur für Arbeit”).

Processing time can take **several weeks** as the Federal Employment Agency needs to give its approval. 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

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