



GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE VISA

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General information:

- If you wish to participate in a language course you are required to obtain a residence permit in form of a national visa. This visa must be issued before you enter the country.
- Processing of the visa takes **about 8 to 12 weeks** upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon approval by the competent authorities in Germany. You will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required 12 weeks processing period has not yet passed.
- Kindly note that you cannot apply for a residence permit in Germany and that you cannot convert a short term "tourist visa" into any kind of long term national visa.
- It is recommended that at no time a flight ticket should be purchased until a visa has been granted.
- The fee for the processing of the visa application is the equivalent of EURO 75.00 (paid cash in SGD).
- All documents must be submitted in original + 2 copies. Copies will not be made by the Embassy.
- This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. Further documentation can at all times be requested or provided by the applicant, in support of the application.

Please submit:

- 2 duly completed visa application forms and Declaration in accordance with Section 53 and 54 of the Residence Act (please ensure that you sign the forms)
[Online application form](#)

Together with the following documents in original plus 2 photocopies (complete applications only!):

- Passport** (at least 2 free pages, not older than 10 years)
- For non-Singapore citizens: **Employment pass/ dependent pass/ student pass** (please bring along a printout of your current Singaporean residence permit validity (no QR-Code)).
- 2 recent passport photographs (not older than 3 months)** according to **biometric specifications** ([see sample photos](#))
- Proof of **health insurance** (travel health insurance) valid at least for the first 3 months of the stay
- Invitation letter by the language school** with details (cost, level, length, etc.)
- Letter of motivation**, Long-term language visas can only be granted in **exceptional cases with a concentrate career motivation** e.g. your employer sends you or explicitly recommends the language course for your further career development and gives reasons. **An application out of personal interest with no evidence of previous efforts to learn German is generally not likely to be successful!**
- Curriculum vitae** of professional career, specifying the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained
- Proof of accommodation in Germany, e.g. lease contract or offer
- Proof of sufficient financial means for the entire stay by: **a)** bank statements of the last 3 month **OR**
b) [blocked account](#) with a min. of 947 €/month
OR
c) a formal letter of **obligation**, according to paragraph §§66,68 of the Aliens Act, **from a resident of Germany** and for the duration of the applicant's stay in Germany

Please ensure that your application documents are complete! Incomplete applications can cause delays or may result in rejection of the visa application.