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# GERMANY VISA INFORMATION PACK

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# 1. IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Federal Republic of Germany is a member state of the European Union. Therefore, visa regulations of Germany are broadly categorized for EU/Non-EU citizens. While nationals of EU/EEA/EFTA countries are exempt from visa requirements.
- The Schengen visa applies to Germany.
- Those planning to travel for up to 90 days for purposes such as touristic trips, educational activities, treatments, sports, and cultural activities must apply for a Type C visa, also known as a Schengen visa
- Public (burgundy) passport holder T.R. citizens can travel to Germany with a Schengen visa for a maximum of 90 days within 180 days.
- Holders of T.R. special (green) passports, diplomatic (black and red) passports, and service (grey) passports can enter the country without a visa for up to 180 days, with a maximum stay of 90 days.

## 2. Germany Schengen Visa For Short Stay Visits (Type-C)

- **Tourist Visa:** is granted to third country citizens who seek to visit the Schengen states for entertainment and for stays not exceeding 90 days.
- **Airport Transit Visa:** under Schengen visa category, airport transit visas are required when nationals of some countries are landing at one of the German airports for transit purposes.
- **Business Visa:** is applicable to those who would like to apply for the Schengen visa with the purpose of doing business in the Schengen area. It is usually valid for stays up to 90 days.
- **Visitor Visa:** is required for the third country citizens who would like to travel to the Schengen area in order to visit family members, relatives or friends. In this case, a letter of invitation by the person you'll be visiting is mandatory. Visitor visa is valid for 90 days within 6 months.
- **Cultural Visa:** is obtained for short term cultural visits allowing the holder to attend culture, sports and religion events. The terms of stay are restricted to 90 days within 6 months period.

# 3. Germany National Visa For Long Stay Visits (Type-D)

- **Student Visa:** are granted to third country citizens who seek to stay in Germany for study purposes. Admission to a study program is among the prerequisites for applying a student visa. Holders of this type of visa are entitled to apply for residence permits for stays exceeding 90 days.
- **Internship Visa:** are requested for third country citizens who would like to do an internship in Germany. Therefore, an approval letter from your prospective employer and permission to work in Germany are among the documents to attach to your application file.
- **Researcher Visa:** refers to guest scientist or visiting scholar visas granted to non-EU citizens who wish to engage in research activities in an established research institution for a designated time.

# 4. Germany Visa Application Documents

- A passport with at minimum two blank pages and is valid for at least 90 days. Copy of the first page including personal data and previous Schengen visas if obtained.
- Completed and signed visa application form along with two recent biometric photos.
- Proof of travel with confirmed both-way tickets.
- Bank account details proving that the passenger can sufficiently fund his/her travel.
- Evidence of occupation in the form of certified documents through employer letter, student certificate, document of registration or demonstration of pension funds.
- Accommodation details through an invitation letter or proof of your hotel reservation throughout your stay.
- Documentation of travel health insurance that will cover up to 30.000 euros throughout the period of travel and is valid within the entire Schengen area.
- Students or unemployed/retired people who are not in a position to cover their travel expenses will need to demonstrate support from a sponsor who will borne the full costs. The sponsor is entitled to certain requirements. Hence, only first grade relatives can fulfill this position. You can find further details online.

\*This page has been prepared to provide general information about the German Visa application documents; however, the information may vary. It is therefore advised that you conduct your own research for up-to-date information.

## **Student:**

- Documentation of University enrollment
- No-objection certificate from school management

## **Employed:**

- Employment contract
- Bank account statement of the past 6 months
- Approval letter of leave from employer
- Income Tax Return (ITR)

## **Self-employed:**

- Proof of business license
- Company's bank account statement of the past 6 months
- Income Tax Return (ITR)

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# 5. WHERE SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE VISA?

iDATA is the official visa application center for the German Embassies/Consulates in Turkey. By selecting the country, you will be able to access all information about the visa application procedures for Germany.

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the applicants' responsibility to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.

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