

Consular hours:

Monday-Friday: 9.00-11.30 hrs (visa/passport appointments)

Monday-Thursday: 14.00-15.00 hrs (without appointment)

Monday-Thursday: 14.00-16.00 hrs (telephone hours)

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Requirements for national (D) visa applications

General visa requirements:

- **Visa applications can be handed in by appointment only – please book your appointment well in advance on www.harare.diplo.de!**
- Passport with validity of minimum of six months from date of return and at least two blank pages
- Two duly completed application forms
- Two current passport photographs according to biometric specifications
- Health insurance (upon visa approval)
- Fee: a non-refundable fee of 75,00,-EUR (as per current exchange rate: **84 USD**) for adults, 37,50.- EUR (as per current exchange rate: **42 USD**) for minors from 0 to 17 years. Payable in USD only.
Payments are strictly in USD CASH and exact change must be given.
- During the application process fingerprints of the travellers will be collected (from 14 years).
- For minors: both parents or legal guardians must provide letter of permission (including legalised signature of parents/legal guardians) or affidavit

Additional requirements, depending on travel purpose:

a) Employment:

- Contract from your employer in Germany
- Documents proving your qualifications

b) Study:

- Approval notification/acceptance letter from a German university or preparatory college (with fixed dates/duration)
- Proof of financial means (bank statements, credit cards) or formal letter of obligation (according to paragraph §§ 66,68 of the Aliens Act, “Verpflichtungserklärung”) from your host in Germany or a blocked account at one of the following providers:
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/sperrkonto/388600> with the minimum amount of **10.236,- EUR**
- Final school report
- Motivation letter
- Proof of accommodation

c) Year of social work

- Short curriculum vita/resumé
- Contract
- Proof of basic German Skills are checked as part of the visa procedure during the interview.
- Letter of motivation with information on your job perspective after finishing the year of social work

d) Au Pair (age between 18 and 26 years at time of application):

- Proof of German language proficiency, i.e. language exam: A1 certificate subject to additional interview, A2 certificate no interview needed
- Au-pair contract
- Motivation letter
- Certificate of Residency of the host family (Meldebestätigung)
- High School Diploma /Academic Qualification

e) Language course:

- Approval notification/acceptance letter by a German university or preparatory college (with fixed dates/duration)
- motivation letter
- Proof of course being paid
- Proof of financial means, equivalent of approx. 700.- EUR per month (up to 6 months: bank statements or formal letter of obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) from your host in Germany; more than 6 months: blocked account at a German bank)
- Proof of previous knowledge in German

f) Family reunion:

- Legalized marriage certificate/certificate of matrimony incl. translation into German
- Proof of basic knowledge of German language (minimum A1)
- If applicable: proof of divorce
- Legalized birth certificate incl. translation into German
- Proof of basic knowledge of German language (minimum A1)
- If applicable: proof of divorce

g) Marriage:

- Legalized birth certificate incl. translation into German
- Proof of basic knowledge of German language (minimum A1)
- Confirmed appointment at the registrar's office ("Aufgebotsbescheinigung")

All documents have to be presented in **original with two copies (including 2 sets of application forms!)**. Please do not send supporting documents to the embassy but bring them to your appointment. Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted and you have to book a new appointment. Visa for a stay exceeding 90 days per six months require the consent of the local immigration authority in Germany. Therefore, the processing time for a long term visa depends on both the complexity of the case and the individual processing times of the immigration authority. The Embassy has no influence on the processing times of the immigration authority and cannot guarantee that a long term visa will be issued in a certain amount of time or before a certain date. In many cases six to ten weeks is realistic, however, in some cases it may take much longer. You can download the application forms and a list of translators free of charge from our website or obtain a free copy at the embassy. Please note that each visa application is reviewed individually. The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents. The submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee the issue of a visa. Applicants can at any time be asked for an additional personal interview.