



GERMANY STUDENT VISA CHECKLIST (National Visa)

1. Acceptance and Documentation from German Institution

- **Offer of Admission:** Obtain an official admission letter from a German university or institution.
- **Conditional Admission and Preparatory Courses:** If applicable, provide proof of conditional admission and enrollment in a preparatory course.

2. Passport

- **Valid Passport:** Ensure your passport is valid for the entire duration of your stay in Germany.

3. Visa Application Forms and Fees

- **National Visa Application Form:** Complete the National Visa Application form. You can download it from the German consulate or embassy website.
- **Application Fee Payment:** Pay the visa application fee and keep the receipt.

4. Photos

- **Passport-sized Photographs:** Provide two recent biometric passport-sized photographs as per German visa photo requirements.

5. Schedule and Attend Biometric Appointment

- **Biometric Information:** Schedule an appointment to provide biometric information (fingerprints and photograph) at the visa application center.

6. Financial Documents

- **Proof of Financial Means:** Provide evidence of sufficient funds to cover tuition fees, living expenses, and other costs. This can include:
 - **Blocked Account:** Confirmation of a blocked account with at least €11,208 (about €934 per month).
 - **Scholarship:** Scholarship award letter.
 - **Declaration of Commitment:** Formal obligation letter by a sponsor residing in Germany.

7. Health Insurance

- **Health Insurance:** Proof of health insurance coverage. You can provide a travel health insurance for the initial period in Germany and then switch to a student health insurance.

8. Academic Documents

- **Transcripts and Certificates:** Include academic transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from the institutions you have attended.
- **Proof of German Language Proficiency:** Provide proof of German language proficiency (TestDaF, DSH, etc.) if required by your institution. For programs taught in English, proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) may be required.

9. Additional Supporting Documents

- **Motivation Letter:** A letter explaining your study plan, career aspirations, and reasons for choosing the particular institution and course.
- **CV/Resume:** A detailed CV or resume.
- **Accommodation Proof:** Provide proof of accommodation for at least the first few months of your stay. This can include a rental agreement, university housing confirmation, or a host's attestation.
- **Visa Appointment Confirmation:** Printout of the visa appointment confirmation email.

10. Prepare for Visa Interview

- **Interview Preparation:** Be ready to answer questions about your course, your institution, your financial situation, and your intentions to return to India after your studies.
- **Documents for Interview:** Bring all relevant documents to your visa interview, if one is required.

Visa Application Submission

- **Submit Application:** Lodge your completed visa application along with all required documents at the German consulate or embassy.
- **Biometrics:** Provide biometrics (fingerprints and photo) at an authorized center if requested.

Post-Visa Approval

- **Travel Arrangements:** Arrange for travel to Germany once the visa is approved.
- **Housing and Accommodation:** Confirm your accommodation in Germany.
- **Arrival Plans:** Make plans for your arrival in Germany, including airport pickup, if provided by your institution.

- **Orientation Programs:** Attend any pre-departure and arrival orientations provided by your institution.

Checklists and Additional Information

- **Translations:** Any documents not in German or English must be accompanied by a certified translation.
- **Validity of Financial Documents:** Financial documents should be recent and dated within 3 months of your visa application.

Useful Sources

- **German Missions in India:** German Missions in India

Make sure to check the latest requirements and guidelines on the official German consulate or embassy website or the specific instructions provided by your German institution, as they may have updates or specific requirements.