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## Visa for a Language Course

### 1. General information

Your visa application can only be accepted if the required documents are submitted according to our regulations. Every original document must be submitted with **two copies**. Documents in foreign languages have to be **provided with a certified translation into German**.

Please note that the application must be lodged in person at the embassy. Applications by post or e-mail are not accepted. The German Missions in Krakow, Wrocław, Gdańsk and Opole do not issue visas and do not provide any information on this subject. **The visa section of the German Embassy in Warsaw is in charge of all visas in Poland.**

#### **Important information:**

The type of your language course must be clearly specified in the visa application. There are two types of language courses: the **preparatory course** (the language course prepares you for subsequent university studies in Germany) and the **intensive course** (the language course stands individually as an intensive language course).

If the visa application correctly refers to a **preparatory course**, the applicant is entitled to stay in Germany until the start of the university studies even after the language course ended.

An **intensive course** must conform with the provisions of the Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Residence Act). Generally, the course must include daily lessons with no less than 18 hours per week. Evening and weekend classes are not sufficient. The course's objective must be to acquire profound knowledge of the German language and its duration must be limited. German knowledge prior to the course is not imperative.

### 2. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is € 75,00. **This amount has to be paid in Polish Zloty**. This is a processing fee. If the application is withdrawn or denied, no refund will be given. Foreigners who are granted a scholarship by public German institutions (Awardees: DAAD, ERASMUS) are exempt from the fee.

### 3. Process

Processing visa usually takes at least four weeks. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by our Embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their application.

#### 4. Required documents

- 2 completed and signed application forms (forms are available [here](#))
- 2 recent biometric passport photographs ([sample fotos](#))
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed your stay by at least three months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago)
- Polish residence permit, held for at least 3 months at the time of application
- proof of previous (or current) education, including diplomas or documents confirming previous jobs or professional training
- confirmation of the language school with information about the duration and the place of the language course
- proof of German language skills (at least A2/B1)
- self-composed letter of motivation in German language
- if applicable: proof of payment of the language course
- if you have been granted a scholarship by public institutions (DAAD, ERASMUS): a confirmation of the grant
- proof of sufficient funds for the stay, at least € 947.00 per month; i.e. either
  - proof of scholarship (at least € 947.00 per month; if the scholarship is lower, the difference must be covered by one of the following means)

*or*

  - a formal assurance of coverage according to §§ 66-68 Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Residence Act), in which a third party agrees to pay for your expenses in Germany. Immigration offices (Ausländerbehörden) and registry offices (Meldebehörden) in Germany provide the necessary forms;

*or*

  - a German blocked account with a deposit payment high enough to cover your complete stay. The deposit must be at least € 11.364.00 with a maximum withdrawal of € 947.00 per month.

Further information on the opening of a blocked bank account can be found on our website “Opening a blocked bank account (Sperrkonto) for students”.

Some providers of blocked accounts will request a certified signature on their application form. Should this be the case, please make an additional appointment for signature verification (Unterschriftsbeglaubigung) on the website of the German embassy. In order to assist you in opening the blocked account, we also need a document proving the lawful source of your funds (e.g. an account statement from your native bank), a simple copy of the letter of admission issued by your language school and a simple copy of your passport. After having certified your signature, we will send all documents directly to your new bank in Germany. The total handling fee regarding the blocked account application is approximately 115 PLN.

- health insurance for Germany during your entire stay (minimum coverage: € 30,000)

**In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents.**