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Student Visa

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.**

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 If the application is withdrawn or denied, no refund will be given.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 of 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

- for accepted students: letter of admission from a German university or a comparable institute
- for applying students: confirmation of application issued by a German university or a comparable institute
- proof of previous (or current) education, including diplomas or documents confirming previous jobs or professional training
- proof of sufficient funds for the stay, at least € 861,00 per month; i.e. either by
 - 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 € 10.332,00 with a maximum withdrawal of € 861.00 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 university 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.

Please note the following details related to the Council Directive 2004/114/EC of 13 December 2004 concerning the right of mobility:

Based on the Council Directive 2004/114/EC, citizens of non-EU-states are entitled to a visa to continue or expand their studies in Germany, if they have already been accepted to a university course in Poland and if one of the following is applicable:

1. The student is required to complete part of their course in another EU country in order to acquire the degree they have been accepted to.
2. The student takes part in an exchange program between two member states of the EU or in an exchange program of the EU.
3. The student has a permission to study in Poland for a total period of at least 2 years.