



Who needs a Visa?

To enter the Federal Republic of Germany, Non-EU-Citizens generally require a visa.

This does not apply to nationals of EU countries and other countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement for short stays of up to 90 days within a period of 180 days.

You can check here to see if you need a visa to travel to Germany: [List of countries requiring a visa](#)

What type of visa do I need?

Students who intend to study in Germany for more than 90 days will need to obtain a national visa.

How much does a visa cost?

The processing fee for national visas is generally 75 Euros for national visas.

How long does it take to get a visa?

If you are applying for a national visa, you should expect a processing time of several months, depending on the purpose of your stay.



General Visa Application Information

Where do I apply for a visa?

1. Issuing

The embassies and consulates of the Federal Republic of Germany are responsible for issuing visas.

2. Processing

The embassy or consulate in whose district you have your usual place of residence or domicile is responsible for processing your visa application. You should therefore apply to the relevant embassy or consulate.

3. Applying

As a rule, you should apply for a visa in person at the embassy or consulate in your country of residence.

To avoid time-consuming additional applications, you should find out about the requirements and documents to be submitted with your visa application well in advance of your trip.

You can obtain the form (in the local language) free of charge from the respective embassy or consulate.

You can also download application forms free of charge from the website of the relevant embassy or consulate.



ETIAS Application

As of 2025, ETIAS will be required for travellers currently traveling visa-free to EU member states.

To find out if you need to submit an ETIAS application, follow the [link](#) and fill out the form below.

For more information about ETIAS, please follow this [link](#)

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