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# Apply for a residence permit for the purpose of studying

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010019001004
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a residence permit for the purpose of studying
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Typisierung	3 - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine

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	Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Studium (1030300), Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	28.10.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior and for Local Affairs of the State of Brandenburg
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_16b.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_16b.html</a>
Teaser	You can obtain a residence permit if you meet certain requirements for this.
Volltext	<p>You can obtain a residence permit for the purpose of studying if you wish to study in Germany and have been admitted to a state-recognized university or comparable educational institution in Germany. The studies must be full-time studies.</p> <p>The purpose of residence of the studies also includes study-preparatory measures. Study-preparatory measures are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the attendance of a study-preparatory language course, if an admission to study has already been granted and the admission is bound to the attendance of a study-preparatory course and</li> <li>• the attendance of a Studienkolleg or a comparable institution, if a place is certainly available.</li> </ul> <p>The residence permit for the purpose of studying is a temporary residence title.</p> <p>With your residence permit for the purpose of studies, you are allowed to pursue employment for up to 120 days or 240 half days per year or a part-time student job. You are not allowed to work during study preparation measures in the first year, except during the vacation period.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognized and valid identity document (for example</li> </ul>

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passport or passport substitute)

- Recent biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)
- Visa, as far as it was required for entry
- Proof of livelihood (e.g. equity capital, scholarship certificate, letter of commitment, blocked account at a bank, proof of parents' income or similar)
- Rental contract
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- Letter of admission from the educational institution
- If applicable, proof of the required language skills, for example by means of suitable language certificates such as language tests of the ALTE-certified examination providers Goethe-Institut, telc GmbH, ÖSD, TestDAF, but also DSH, DSD, TOEFL, IELTS
- In case of participation in study preparation measures: Proof of admission to the Studienkolleg or to a study-preparatory language course.

The documents and information must always be submitted in German. In individual cases, the Aliens' Registration Office may require less or further proof.

## Voraussetzungen

- You have a recognized and valid identity document (for example, passport or passport substitute) and - if this was required for entry - an appropriate visa.
- You have an admission to a state-recognized university or a recognized educational institution in Germany.
- It is a full-time study program.
- Your livelihood is secured for the duration of your studies.
- Depending on the study requirements of your degree program, you may have to prove to the Aliens' Registration Office that you have the language skills required for your studies (usually at least level B2). No proof of language skills is required if these have already been tested by the receiving university as part of the admission decision or if they are to be acquired as part of a language course preparing for studies.
- There is no expulsion interest against you.
- Your stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

## Kosten

Cost amount (fixed): 100.00 EURO

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Under certain conditions a fee reduction or fee exemption can be considered.

Remark:

For the issuance of the residence permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as an electronic proof of identity, additional fees may apply.

The time and form of charging as well as payment vary depending on the authority.

Under certain conditions, a fee reduction or fee exemption may be considered (for example, for persons entitled to asylum or recognized refugees). Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.

## Verfahrensablauf

- The residence permit must be applied for before your visa or visa-free residence period or your current residence permit expires.
- Find out whether your Aliens' Registration Office allows you to apply online or has a special application form.
- If the application can only be submitted in person, make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office. In the case of online application, the Aliens' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your application to schedule an appointment.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your documents to the appointment, if possible in original).
- If your application is granted, your fingerprints will be taken for the production of the residence permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card). You will also be required to sign a document.
- The Foreigners' Registration Office will order the production of the eAT card from the Bundesdruckerei. After completion, you will receive information and can pick up the eAT card at the responsible office. As a rule, you must pick up the card in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice.

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### Bearbeitungsdauer

Duration (at fixed time): Approx. 8 Note for further information on the processing time: The processing time for the issuance of a residence permit can vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. It takes about 4 to 6 weeks for the Bundesdruckerei to produce the electronic residence permit.

### Frist

The residence permit should be applied for at least eight weeks before the expiration of your visa, visa-free stay or your still valid residence permit. Note (for more information on the deadline): The residence permit is issued for a minimum of one year and usually for a maximum of two years. If the studies last less than two years, it is issued for the duration of the studies. In case of participation in a Union or multilateral program with mobility measures (for example ERASMUS+ program of the European Union) or if the foreigner is subject to an agreement between two or more higher education institutions, the residence permit is issued for a minimum of two years or for the duration of the studies if the studies last less than two years.

### weiterführende Informationen

- Portal of the federal government for skilled workers from abroad  
<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/visum/arten/studieren/>
- Free advice on entry, residence and employment is also available from the "Working and Living in Germany Hotline" of the Federal Government's portal for skilled workers from abroad. Phone: 030 1815-1111 Service hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Hinweise

- The procedure is usually conducted in German. In case of insufficient knowledge of German, it is recommended to appear with a person who can act as a translator.
- All information provided to the Aliens' Registration Office should be correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief, so that the request can be processed without major delays.
- Incorrect or incomplete information may slow down the process and be detrimental to the individual. In a serious case, incorrect or incomplete information that is not completed or corrected in time vis-à-vis the

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Aliens Department may result in the revocation of residence rights already granted, a fine, a prison sentence of up to three years, or expulsion from the Federal territory.

- Due to the complexity of the right of residence, this description is for information purposes only and is not legally binding.

## Rechtsbehelf

- Appeal against the decision of the foreigners authority within one month of notification
- Action before the court named in the notice of appeal if the appeal is not granted

## Kurztext

- Residence permit for the purpose of education Issuance for the purpose of study preparation and study
- Foreigners who wish to study in Germany may be granted a residence permit for the purpose of study if they have been admitted to a state-recognized university in Germany.
- The purpose of residence for the purpose of studying also includes the completion of a compulsory internship and study preparation measures such as attending a study preparation language course - if already admitted to full-time studies - and attending a Studienkolleg or a comparable institution if a secure place is already available.
- The residence permit is issued for a limited period of at least one year and usually for a maximum of two years. If the studies last less than two years, it is issued for the duration of the studies. In case of participation in a Union or multilateral program with mobility measures (for example ERASMUS+ program of the European Union) or if an agreement between two or more higher education institutions applies to the foreigner, the residence permit is issued for at least two years, or for the duration of the studies if the studies last less than two years.
- The residence permit entitles the holder to work up to 120 days or 240 half-days per year and to do part-time student work; this does not apply during the stay for study preparation measures in the first year of the stay, except during the vacation period.
- Depending on the foreigners authority and the request, the application can be made via the Internet

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	<p>or in person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fee is charged for the issuance of the residence permit. The time as well as the form of payment varies depending on the authority.</li> <li>• Responsible: the authority responsible for the place of residence of the applicant foreigners authority</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	The foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence
Zuständige Stelle	The foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence
Formulare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms: You can obtain forms from your foreigners authority; these may also be available online.</li> <li>• Online procedure occasionally possible</li> <li>• Written form required: yes</li> <li>• Personal appearance required: yes</li> </ul>
Ursprungsportal	Aufenthaltserlaubnis zum Zwecke des Studiums beantragen, Apply for a residence permit for the purpose of studying