



Visa for Au Pair

If you wish to apply for a visa for Au Pair you have to be at least 18 years of age and cannot be older than 26 years of age at the time of application.

The duration of stay for an Au Pair is maximum one year. An extension in Germany or a second Au Pair stay in Germany is not possible.

If you and your intended host family are related, in principle no Au Pair visa could be issued.

Generally, an Au Pair stay is only possible in host family where German is spoken as the mother tongue and at least one adult family member is either a German citizen or the citizen of another EU/EEA-member state or Switzerland and hails from a German-speaking part. Is German the “family language” but not mother tongue, the Au Pair cannot be a citizen of the host family’s home country.

Further information on Au Pair stays in Germany can be found on the website of the German Federal Agency of Employment (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) at www.arbeitsagentur.de

An application for an Au Pair visa can only be made if an appointment was booked in the correct appointment category. The booking can only be made through the [Embassy’s website](#) in the category “National Visa (Long Term)” and then “Au Pair”.

The application takes place at the
Visa Section – German Embassy in Nairobi
113, Riverside Drive
P. O. Box 30180
00100 Nairobi
Mail: visainfo@nair.diplo.de

This and all other information leaflets of the Embassy are free of charge, as are all application forms.

All visa documentation has to be handed in as an original with 2 copies, unless stated otherwise, so that two complete, identical sets of application documents are handed in.
Please sort your documents in the order in which they appear on this information.

The Embassy reserves the right to request further documents if considered necessary.

Incomplete application forms and applications with incomplete documents cause delays in processing your application and can cause a rejection of your application.

A list of necessary documents for a complete application can be found on page 2.

For your application you require the following documents:

1. **Passport** and two copies of the data page. The passport has to be valid for at least three months more than the validity of the visa.
If you are a foreigner residing in Kenya, Burundi or Eritrea you have to show a valid residence permit for the country of residence.
2. 2 completed and duly signed **application forms**
A digital application form which can be completed online can be found at <https://videx-national.diplo.de>
3. 2 current, identical biometric **passport photos** with a white background
4. A **work contract** with the Au Pair host family in German which includes the full names of both host parents (if applicable) and agreements on start and duration of the contract, pocket money, working hours as well as in regards to health and accident insurance.
5. Current **registration of the host family** in Germany (“Meldebescheinigung”) that includes all members of the household with dates of births, including the children
6. **Questionnaire for the host family**, completed and signed by the host parents
A template can be found on the Embassy’s website below the leaflet for visa for Au Pair
7. Proof of previous or current academic studies / professional trainings
8. Current proof of **knowledge of German** on an A1-level by a recognized organization / partner for testing (in Kenya: currently only the Goethe Institute)
9. **Curriculum vitae** in German, gapless
10. A conclusive **letter of motivation** in German, written by yourself
11. Proof of **medical insurance**, valid upon entry for at least the first 90 days of your stay that adheres to the Schengen rules and regulations

This fact sheet reflects the legal situation at the time of drafting it. It is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. Authoritative version of the fact sheet is the German version.

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