



Visa for Studies or preparatory Language course and Studies

Please refer to our general information on long-term stays in Germany that complement this information.

An application for this type of 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 "National Visa - long term visa (duration of stay more than 90 days)".

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 to be completed online can be found on <https://videx-national.diplo.de>
3. 2 current, identical biometric **passport photos** with a white background
4. **Letter of Admission** by a German university
OR
Proof of registration for a German course in preparation for studies with a receipt for the fees paid for the first 3 months of the course AND documentation on university studies starting immediately after the course (conditional letter of admission by an university, invitation to entry/aptitude exam by an university, confirmation by “uni-assist”, confirmation of application or similar)
5. **Proof of sufficient financial** means through one of these options:
 - a) Confirmation of a Blocked Account in Germany with a balance of 11.208,-- EUR for the first year / 934,-- EUR per month payable OR
 - b) Formal letter of obligation according to § 68 AufenthG for the entire duration of stay (not older than six months at the time of application) OR
 - c) Proof of scholarship or bursary from a German or European institution which states duration and monthly amount paid to you
6. **Proof of previous or current academic studies / professional trainings**
7. Current **proof of knowledge of German**, if necessary for the intended studies
8. **Curriculum vitae** in German, gapless
9. A conclusive **letter of motivation** in German, written by yourself, detailing the reason for the chosen studies subject, chosen university and what consequences you envision the studies will have on your future
10. 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
11. If you have previously resided in Germany: De-registration (Abmeldebestätigung) of the registration office at the last place of residence in Germany