

## Language course visa

All persons who wish to do a long term language course (more than 90 days) in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in form of a visa.

A visa in order to do a language course in Germany is a national visa and does also entitle you to enter other Schengen countries for a stay up to 90 days for tourist purposes.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be processed by the Embassy and if necessary send to the competent foreigners authority. Language Course applications take at least up to 8 weeks to be processed. Applications from Madagascar take a general processing time of 8 to 10 weeks. **Status requests being send before the expiration of this processing time will not be answered.**

After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in form of a visa with the duration for 90 days. A final residence permit will be issued by the Alien's Authority of your place of residence after entering the country. The Alien's Authorities require all foreigners to register in the town of their residence after arrival.

For identification purposes and fingerprints applicants are requested to be personally present at the German Embassy during Visa submission and hand in the following documents.

Please prepare **two identical application sets** with **all** the following documents in the **given order**. **In general the original as well as 2 simple copies have to be presented. If you cannot present the original, a certified copy has to be presented.**

**Important information: Do NOT send supporting documents without being asked to or BEFORE placing your application.**

**Notice: If you apply in Antananarivo you need to provide in total three application forms and three passport photos.**

**Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Valid passport</b> (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after leaving the Schengen area with at last two empty pages).</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 application forms fully completed &amp; visa declaration 1, duly signed (see general information)</b></li> </ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 passport size pictures</b>, not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form)</li> <li>• <b>Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted</b></li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 copies</b> of your passport's data page</li> </ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 copies</b> of your Tanzanian/Madagasy visa or residence permit (if applicable)</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 copies</b> of registration letter from a language school in Germany</li> </ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 copies</b> of motivation letter</li> </ul>   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 copies of proof of housing</b> in Germany with <b>full address</b> (e.g. renting contract, hotel reservation, OR invitation letter in case of private accommodation with <b>name, full address, and passport copy</b> of inviting person).</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <b>Proof of sufficient funds to cover the costs of your proposed trip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Proof of blocked account</b> (for more information on blocked account click on this <a href="#">link</a>), OR</li> <li>- <b>Declaration of formal obligation</b> (Verpflichtungserklärung, please see our FAQs for more information)</li> </ul>   |
|  | <b>For minors:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> birth certificate with parental information; original and official translation into German or English (plus one copy)</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> consent letter signed by both <b>parents</b> (signature must be certified by a notary public)</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> application form signed by both parents</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> passport copies of the parents</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> if only one parent holds custody for the child/children, proof of a court decision regarding custody must be presented or death certificate of the other parent (if applicable)</li> </ul> |
| <b>To be provided <u>after</u> the approval of the visa:</b> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flight reservation</b> to Germany</li> </ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proof of travel health insurance</b> with a <b>minimum coverage of 30,000.00 EUR</b> (for the moment of first entry into the Schengen area)</li> </ul> <p><b>as well as</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proof of the health insurance for your entire stay in Germany</b></li> </ul>   |

**Important notice:** If your language course lasts up until 90 days you will need to provide the same documents. The application however will not be forwarded to the Alien's Authority.

Visa fee: 75,- Euro, payable in TSH according to current exchange rate of the Embassy in cash. If you apply in Madagascar, you have to pay in Malagasy ariary according to the current exchange rate of the Embassy Antananarivo in cash (courier costs are not included).

**Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.**

**The German authorities may ask for a legalization or confirmation of the presented Tanzanian or Madagasy documents. Please consult either website for more information on the individual process.**

Applicants may be called in for an Interview.

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