



Information sheet: national visa

Visa for Intensive Language Course (Section 16b Residence Act)

Basic information

- Please check the basic information on the website first
- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the relevant foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. one month once application is complete** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

General information

A residence permit for a maximum of one year can be issued for attending a language course issued for attending a language course, which is not a preparatory to further studies at the university.

A visa for learning German can only be issued for participating in an intensive language course.

An intensive language course requires that it is limited in time from the outset, usually involves daily instruction (at least 18 hours of instruction per week) and is geared toward acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of German. Evening and weekend courses do not meet the criteria.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. Please bring a print out to your interview.

All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.



Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.

- Two (2) fully [completed and signed applications](#) including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- Where applicable, two (2) declarations fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney
- Two (2) recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport (personally signed and with at least two (2) completely empty pages)
- Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
- Proof of enrolment in an intensive language course (at least 18 lessons per week) and proof that the fees of the course are already paid
- Proof of previous education/degree
- Proof of previous work history (job references)
- Curriculum vitae with one (1) extra copy
- Letter of motivation with one (1) extra copy explaining your reason for taking the language course
- Proof of accommodation
- Proof of previous level of own German language skills (e.g. certificate of attendance at language institute)
- Proof of adequate financial means

Financing

To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal at least 934 € per month. Proof must be submitted with the application of financial means for at least one year, that is at least 11,208 € (for example, in the form of a blocked account or a formal undertaking by a third person to cover all costs).

Unlike other visa applicants, **university applicants without an admittance notification** who are applying for a visa pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Residence Act must have at their disposal at least 947 € per month (11,364 € per annum).

Financing through declaration of commitment (formal letter of obligation/Verpflichtungserklärung according to §66-68 Residence Permit) Scholarship

In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account: Open the blocked account in **good time BEFORE** you apply for a visa. When applying for a visa, **only the official confirmation of the opening of the account** including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted. A confirmation which does not include this information is not sufficient.



- Proof of adequate health insurance cover

If as a student you want to take out statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and after enrolment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to enrolment and registering for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

In the case of preparatory language course or internship

- Acceptance for preparatory language course or internship

Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzania

- Proof of habitual abode by Tanzania

Fee

- Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS

Completeness of application

- The application is complete: Yes No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.

Declaration when applications are not complete:

I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.

_____ place, date, signature