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# Checklist for people from non-EU countries interested in studying

### How do I prepare to enter Germany?

#### 1. Check conditions

- ✓ To be admitted to study, you need a recognised university entrance qualification ("Hochschulzugangsberechtigung") or a recognition of your academic degree.
- ✓ Get more information on universities & degree courses on <u>www.study-in-germany.de/en/</u>



Take a language course: You need sufficient German language skills for your study.

✓ Keep in mind the application deadlines of the different universities and the prescribed numerus clausus.

#### 2. Visa

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Federal Government

- ✓ As a citizen of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the USA you can enter Germany without a visa.
- ✓ The same applies to students from the countries: Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco & San Marino.
- ✓ All other non-EU/EEA nationals require an entry visa:
- $\checkmark$  Make a timely appointment at the German embassy.



✓ Bring the required documents for the visa application. Clearify beforehand the financing of your stay in Germany and bring the proof of financial means to the appointment.

#### 3. Entry / Arrival

- ✓ Your entry is sorted out? Book your journey to Germany.
- ✓ From the first day of your arrival, you need a valid <u>health care insurance</u>. Take out a travel health insurance in your home country.
- $\checkmark\,$  Take some cash with you to get your first shoppings done.



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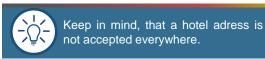
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#### Accomodations for students

- ✓ In advance to your arrival in Germany, you have to register for a room in a student residence at the respective student social services (Studierendenwerk) of your university.
- ✓ Look for furnished apartments for subleasing.
- ✓ You didn't find a permanent residence? Try to find German shared flats in online portals.
- ✓ Let your local <u>Welcome Center</u> help you find an accommodation.
- ✓ Make it in Germany also provides tips on looking for housing.

#### 4. Registration of residence / Application of residence permit

- ✓ A "reporting obligation" ("Meldepflicht") exists in Germany. You have to register within 2 weeks with the registration office.
- ✓ Make a timely appointment at the registration office and prepare the required documents: registration form, valid passport, lease or a confirmation from your landlord ("Wohnungsgeberebscheinigung").
- ✓ Make an appointment at the local foreign nationals' registration office. For the appointment you need:
  - filled and signed form
  - valid passport and visa
  - registration certificate
  - > proof of financial means
  - valid health care insurance
  - fees up to 260 euros
  - enrollment certificate



#### 5. Get settled

- ✓ International student groups organise many events for students from abroad.
- ✓ Make new friends in sports clubs or at public events.
- ✓ More opportunities on how to meet new friends in Germany are available on <u>Make it in Germany</u>.



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## Attachment: important documents at a glance

You probably need the following documents down below. We recommend to bring certified copies or original documents (incl. certified translations) with you.

- Valid Passport / ID
- o Visa
- Credit or debit card
- If necessary birth certificate (required for the registration with the registration office)
- University entrance qualification ("Hochschulzugangsberechtigung") or your academic degree in original form (neccessary for enrollment)
- School-leaving-qualification
- Proof of German language skills or a planned participation in a language course
- Proof of funding your stay in Germany (for example: salary statements, it's neccesary to grant a visa and for the residence permit)
- Proof of health insurance