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## Your path to the German education system

Visa and entry process for immigrants from third countries under visa obligation						
Purpose for entry	Issuance requirements	$\rangle$	Application process abroad	Application process in Germany		Residence title after entry
Study programme / PhD programme	<ul> <li>Admission to study programme or preparatory course in Germany</li> <li>School-leaving certificate permitting access to higher education or recognised higher education qualification</li> <li>If need be: proof of language skills</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means: blocked account, scholarship or Declaration of Commitment</li> </ul>					Residence title for the purpose of studying (Section 16b of the Residence Act [AufenthG])
Seeking a place in higher education / application for higher education	<ul> <li>Foreign school-leaving certificate permitting access to higher education</li> <li>Meeting the language requirement of the desired study programme</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means: blocked account or Declaration of Commitment</li> </ul>		Book an appointment at the	Entry to Germany		After admission to the study programme in Germany: switch to residence title for the purpose of studying (Section 16b of the Residence Act [AufenthG])
Vocational training	<ul> <li>Vocational training place in Germany</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means: vocational training salary and / or Declaration of Commitment</li> <li>In case of in-company vocational training: approval of the Federal Employment Agency (BA)</li> <li>Proof of German language skills: as a rule, level B1</li> </ul>		German embassy  Prepare the required documents Check the waiting times and the required documents on the embassy's website  Apply for the visa in your country of residence	<ul> <li>Issuance of the entry visa (health insurance required)</li> <li>Book flight</li> </ul> Apply for a residence title in		Residence title for the purpose of in-company or in-school vocational training (Section 16a of the Residence Act [AufenthG])
Seeking a vocatio- nal training place	<ul> <li>School-leaving certificate permitting access to higher education or qualification of a German school abroad</li> <li>Proof of German language skills: at least level B1</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means: blocked account or Declaration of Commitment</li> <li>Age limit: 35 years</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Bring the documents in their entirety</li> <li>Fee: €75 (in local currency)</li> <li>Inform yourself of possible waiting times on the competent embassy's website</li> </ul>	Germany  Register your home address in Germany at the Residents' Registration Office  Book an appointment at the foreigners authority  Prepare the listed required documents  Apply for the residence title  Fees may add up to €100  Residence title application must be		After successfully finding a vocational training place: switch to residence title for the purpose of vocational training (Section 16a of the Residence Act
Study-related intership EU	<ul> <li>Letter of acceptance / contract for internship in Germany</li> <li>Matriculation in a foreign higher education institution or higher education qualification no older than two years</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means: e.g., internship salary</li> </ul>			submitted before the entry visa expires		[AufenthG])  Residence title for the purpose of a study-related internship (Section 16e of the Residence Act [AufenthG])
Language acquisition	<ul> <li>Admission to an intensive German language course in Germany (at least 18 hours per week; no integration courses)</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means: stipend, blocked account or Declaration of Commitment</li> </ul>		applicatio informatio of contact	etails on the visa n procedure and on on important points can be found at <b>xe-it-in-germany.com.</b>		Residence title for the purpose of attending a language course (Section 16f (1) of the Residence Act [AufenthG])