



Required German Language Skills Depending on the Type of Visa According to the Residence Act (AufenthG)

TYPE OF VISA

REQUIRED GERMAN LANGUAGE SKILLS ACCORDING TO THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES (CEFR)

▫ Work visa for qualified professionals	▫ No legal requirement
▫ EU Blue Card	▫ No legal requirement
▫ Chancenkarte (points system)	▫ German language skills at least at level A1 or English language skills at least at level B2
▫ Visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications	▫ German language skills at least at level A2
▫ Visa for employment within the framework of a recognition partnership	▫ German language skills at least at level A2
▫ Work visa for professionally experienced workers (incl. IT specialists)	▫ No legal requirement
▫ Visa for vocational training	▫ German language skills at least at level B1
▫ Visa for seeking a vocational training place	▫ German language skills at least at level B1
▫ Visa for self-employment	▫ No legal requirement
▫ Visa for studying	▫ As a general rule, German language skills at least at level B2 (depending on the study programme)
▫ Visa for seeking a place in higher education	▫ Language requirements of the desired study programme
▫ Visa for research	▫ No legal requirement
▫ Visa for language acquisition	▫ No legal requirement
▫ Visa for a study-related internship EU	▫ No legal requirement

Please note: The above information on language requirements is based on the legal requirements in the Residence Act. Other language requirements may apply as part of any necessary recognition procedure or the examination procedure at the German missions abroad.