



STUDY / STUDY APPLICANT

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General information:

- All applicants who wish to study at a college or university in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa. This residence permit must be issued before entering the country.
- Processing the visa application takes up **to 12 weeks** upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon positive recommendation by the competent authorities in Germany. The applicant will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. **We ask that no status request is made if the required processing period has not yet passed.**
- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa with the duration of 90 days. A final residence permit for the whole duration of the stay will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.
- It is recommended that no flight ticket is purchased until a visa has been granted!
- The **visa application fee** is the equivalent of EUR 75. This non-refundable fee is payable in cash in NAD or by credit card when applying.
- Each applicant must submit **one application set** with **all** the following documents. (Copies will not be made by the Embassy.)
- Further documentation may be requested in each individual case.
- Please see our website for additional information: [Website of the German Embassy Windhoek \(www.windhoek.diplo.de\)](http://www.windhoek.diplo.de)
- For **minors (below 18)**, generally both parents / legal guardians **must apply in person (with the child)** and must sign the application form personally at the German Embassy in Windhoek on the booked appointment, IDs of the parents and must be presented in original plus one simple copy. The unabridged birth certificate needs to state the name(s) of the parents and must be presented in original plus one simple copy.

Please read the following checklist, fill in the application form completely and provide all documents in original plus one simple copy (only complete applications can be processed!)

Submission of the following documents does **not** guarantee that a visa will be granted.

Please sort the documents exactly in the following order:

- duly completed **visa application form** for a national visa (long stay)
 - please open the **online** application form [Videx \(www.videx.diplo.de\)](http://www.videx.diplo.de)
 - **fill it in** fully and correctly in English or German
 - **download** the completed form as a PDF-file, then
 - **print it** (should be 6 pages including a barcode on the last page)
 - date and sign it
- **1 recent passport photograph** according to biometric specifications
- **Original passport** (or travel document) valid for at least 3 months longer than the intended stay. It must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years.
- Provide a copy of **a)** the passport data page, **b)** previous Schengen visas within last 3 years and **c)** valid USA/UK visas if available.
- For Non-Namibian citizens: Proof of legal residence in Namibia.
- **Letter of acceptance** by a German university (**study visa**)
or proof of correspondence with a German university/Uni Assist (**study applicant visa**)
- Recognized entitlement to **university admission** (e. g. high school **diploma** or **graduation examination certificate**), please check with the recognized information platform ANABIN
- **Curriculum vitae** and proof of previous **academic performance**
- **Motivation letter**
- Proof of **German language** knowledge (if lectures will be held in English: a confirmation of the university)
- **Proof of accommodation** in Germany with **full address** (e. g. renting contract, hotel reservation or invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport copy of inviting person).
- **Proof of finance** of the stay in Germany by:
 - a blocked account at a German bank showing a minimum amount according to the duration of your intended stay (as from 2023: withdrawal limit of € 934,- per month). NOTE: You have to open the „blocked account“ (Sperrkonto) directly with a bank of choice. There is no known provider in Namibia yet. Additional information on blocked accounts in Germany can be found on the webpage of the German Foreign Ministry.
- Or
- proof of sponsorship / bursary by a German institution.
- Or
- a formal **letter of obligation** (Verpflichtungserklärung) according to paragraph §§66,68 of the Aliens Act, from a resident of Germany and for the duration of the applicant's stay in Germany.

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(The applicant will be informed by the Embassy via e-mail!)

- **Flight reservation / itinerary** with the applicant's name (no final booking needed).

- **Travel/medical insurance with policy wording** (coverage for medical expenses/repatriation/pre-existing: EUR 30,000, valid for the entire Schengen area for the duration of the applicant's planned stay). It is a requirement that claims against the insurance company must be recoverable in a Member State. The insured party, policy validity period, geographical coverage and schedule of benefits must be mentioned in the policy schedule/certificate.