

Germany Application & Visa Document Checklist

Every document you need for the university application, the visa appointment and your first weeks — 2026/27 edition.

University application (uni-assist or direct)

- ☐ Certified copy of school-leaving certificate (and diploma, for Master's applicants)
- ☐ Complete transcripts from every semester / school year
- ☐ Sworn translations into German or English
- ☐ Language certificate (IELTS 6.0–6.5+ / TOEFL for English-taught; TestDaF 4x4 / DSH-2 for German-taught)
- ☐ Passport copy (photo page)
- ☐ CV (Europass or standard academic format)
- ☐ Motivation letter / statement of purpose
- ☐ APS certificate — mandatory for China, India and Vietnam
- ☐ VPD (preliminary review documentation) — if your university requests it
- ☐ Proof of paid uni-assist fees (€75 first program, €30 each additional)

Visa appointment (national visa, type D)

- ☐ Passport valid for the entire stay (+ 2 blank pages)
- ☐ Completed visa application form + signed declarations (VIDEX)
- ☐ 2–3 biometric passport photos (35×45 mm)
- ☐ University admission letter (Zulassungsbescheid) or applicant confirmation
- ☐ Blocked account confirmation over €11,904 — or scholarship award / formal obligation letter (Verpflichtungserklärung)
- ☐ Proof of health insurance coverage from arrival
- ☐ All academic and language certificates (originals + copies)
- ☐ CV and motivation letter
- ☐ Visa fee: €75

After arrival — residence permit & enrolment

- ☐ Passport with entry visa
- ☐ Anmeldung certificate (address registration — do this within 14 days)
- ☐ Enrolment certificate (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung)
- ☐ Proof of health insurance (statutory student tariff)
- ☐ Proof of financial resources (blocked account confirmation)
- ☐ 1 biometric photo + fee of about €100 for the residence permit

Every German mission publishes its own exact list — always cross-check with the embassy/consulate responsible for you. EU/EEA citizens need no visa; citizens of e.g. the USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Japan and South Korea may enter visa-free and apply for the residence permit in Germany.