

Overview of visa application process

Current situation

Next steps

Documentation

I I am already in Germany
(for studies, etc) and I would like to stay for working/founding a company.

Approach the **local foreigners office**** in Germany and make an appointment.

- It depends on your nationality
- If not EU: You may have to apply for a residence permit
- General requirements (Application form, Passport, biometric photo)

II I am currently in my home country
(EU + selected countries*) and would like to come to Germany to work/study/found a company.

Approach the **German embassy** in your home country and make an appointment.

- EU: You do **not** need a visa to enter germany
- Selected countries: You do **not** need a visa to enter Germany. You have to apply for a residence permit
- General requirements

III I am currently in my home country
(not on list of selected countries*) and would like to come to Germany to work/study/found a company.

- You need a visa to enter Germany
- If required: Academic qualification degree (**Recognised**)
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses
- If required: Job offer that states your salary

! **DISCLAIMER:** Make sure to ask the employee of the foreigners office/ embassy which documents to bring with you to the appointment.
For **more information** contact us or check: <https://visa.diplo.de/en/#/vib>

* Andorra, Australia, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Monaco, San Marino, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the USA.

** If you are an RWTH student, the responsible foreigners office is located in Aachen in the Super C building, if not, the responsible foreigners office is located at the main station in Aachen.

I need a visa for Germany... but what is the right application process for me?

