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Student Visa

In general, Israeli nationals do not require a visa to enter Germany. They can apply for the necessary residence permit from the Foreigners Authority upon arrival in Germany.

For an application at the German Embassy in Tel Aviv you need to make an appointment online: www.tel-aviv.diplo.de

You need to provide the documents always **in original with two copies each**. It is not possible to make photocopies in the embassy. If the documents are not in English or German, we need a German translation. Documents in English must not be translated.

Documents, which are always needed, no matter if it is for a study or a language class visa:

- ⊖ Two fully completed and signed **application forms**
- ⊖ One personally signed **statement** in accordance with section 54 (2) number 8 of the Residence Act.

You can download the national visa application form and the declaration from our internet page!

- ⊖ A valid **passport** (original plus 2 copies of the data page)
- ⊖ Two biometric **passport photos**
- ⊖ signed **letter of motivation** (original plus 1 copy)
- ⊖ signed detailed **CV** (original plus 1 copy)
- ⊖ if you know already German: evidence of your **knowledge of German** (eg language certificates etc.) (original plus 1 copy)
- ⊖ proof of financial means to cover the costs of living and studying in Germany (*see below*)
- ⊖ **travel insurance** in Germany with a coverage of at least 30,000 euros and valid for all Schengen countries for the time until you are covered by the student health care scheme

For a student visa or study application visa:

- ⊖ proof of admission to a German university or proof that you filed successfully an application at a German university or an acceptance letter to a "Studienkolleg" (2 copies)
- ⊖ Israeli school leaving certificate with English or German translation (original plus 2 copies)
- ⊖ In case of previous university studies: proof of prior studies and diplomas (original and 2 copies)

For a visa to attend a German language course:

- ⊖ proof of registration/payment for an intensive language course with at least 18 hours/week of teaching (2 copies)



The fee for a visa is 75 Euros, to be paid in cash in NIS.

You might also be asked to hand in additional documents not mentioned above.

Please note: Foreign students are only allowed to work in Germany for up to 120 full or 240 half days per year. Participants in intensive language courses are not allowed to enter into employment at all.

Financing your studies

You have to provide the Embassy and Foreigners Authority with evidence that you are able to support yourself financially throughout the first year of your studies. The estimated monthly costs of living correspond to the highest rate of monthly support provided under the German Educational Assistance Act (Bafög). For 2019 this is 720 Euros per month, 8640 Euros a year.

The following options are possible:

1. Opening a blocked bank account

When applying for visa, you can provide evidence that you are able to meet your living costs by opening a blocked bank account. You have free choice of provider. Information on providers that offer this service worldwide is available on the [Federal Foreign Office website](#).

2. Formal letter of obligation from Germany

Another proof is to submit a **formal letter of obligation (Verpflichtungserklärung)** by a sponsor residing in Germany. The local Foreigners Authority (Ausländerbehörde) issues this formal declaration. If you live abroad you can only file a formal obligation in the German Embassy in Tel Aviv, if you have assets or income in Germany.

3. Official scholarship

Receiving an official **scholarship** would also prove the ability to support yourself financially throughout the first year of your studies.

4. Financial background of the parents

Besides, it is also possible to show the **financial background of the parents** of the student. Salary slips and bank statements of the last three months of the parents must be submitted. It must be **clearly and without any doubt** obvious that the parents can finance the annual living costs of 8.640 Euro. After entry into Germany the student needs to open a blocked bank account. If not, the German Foreigner's authority might refuse to extend the study visa.