

## Language course visa

All persons who wish to do a long term language course (more than 90 days) in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in form of a visa.

A visa in order to do an language course in Germany is a national visa and does also entitle you to enter the other Schengen countries for a stay up to 90 days for tourist purposes.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be forwarded to the competent German Aliens Authority ("Ausländerbehörde"). Language course visa applications take at least up to 8 weeks to be processed. Applications from Madagascar may take a longer processing time (see general information for applications from Madagascar). After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in the form of a visa with the duration for the first 90 days. A final residence permit for the whole duration of your language course will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holder to register upon their first arrival.

Please prepare **two identical application sets** with **all** the following documents in the **given order**.

**Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Valid passport</b> (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after leaving the Schengen area with at last two empty pages).
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 application forms <b>fully completed &amp; visa declaration 1, duly signed (see general information)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 passport size pictures</b> , not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form) <b>Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 copies</b> of your passport's data page
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 copies</b> of your Tanzanian visa or residence permit (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 copies</b> of registration letter from a language school in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 copies</b> of motivation letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 copies</b> of <b>proof of housing</b> in Germany with <b>full address</b> (e.g. renting contract, hotel reservation, OR invitation letter in case of private accommodation with <b>name, full address</b> , and <b>passport copy</b> of inviting person).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of sufficient funds to cover the costs of your proposed trip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>last three bank statements with your name</b>, OR</li> <li>- Declaration of formal obligation, passport copy as well as last three bank statements of the financial supporter (signature must be certified by a notary public if supporter is not present at the interview) – If the declaration is being provided on the official German form (Verpflichtungserklärung) no additional documents of the obligations donor are required.</li> </ul>
	<b>For minors:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> birth certificate with parental information; original and official translation into German or English (plus one copy) <input type="checkbox"/> consent letter signed by both <b>parents</b> (signature must be certified by a notary public if parent is not present at the interview) <input type="checkbox"/> application form signed by both parents

<input type="checkbox"/>	passport copies of the parents
<b>To be provided <u>after</u> the approval of the visa:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Flight reservation</b> to Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of travel health insurance</b> (Tanzanian or German), valid <b>for the entire stay</b> in the Schengen area with a <b>minimum coverage of 30,000.00 EUR, including the following details: name of insured person, length of coverage, insurance sum</b>

**Important notice:** If your language course lasts up until 90 days you will need to provide the same documents. The application however will not be forwarded to the Alien's Authority.

Visa fee: 75,- Euro (payable in TSH according to current exchange rate of the Embassy in cash)

**Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.**

Original Tanzanian documents need to be legalized by the German Embassy Dar es Salaam and translated into German. The German Alien's Authority may ask for additional pre-legalization by the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Documents issued on the island of Zanzibar have to be pre-legalized by the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being presented to the German Embassy for legalization.

Applicants may be called in for an Interview.

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