



Information sheet: Visa Requirements for Language Course in Germany

Basic information

- **If you want to do a language course in preparation for studies, work or vocational training please read the respective checklists!**
- Basic information (also application form) can be found on our website here: <https://kigali.diplo.de/rw-en/service/05-VisaEinreise>
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the relevant foreigners authorities in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. 8-10 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted personally at the Embassy after booking an appointment. Please provide the documents in two identical piles in the following order:

		Missing
	Two (2) fully completed and signed application forms for “national visa”	

	Where applicable, two (2) declarations fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney	
	Two (2) recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)	
	Valid passport (personally signed, valid for at least 6 months and with at least two (2) completely empty pages)	
	Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport	
	Certificate of enrolment in a German intensive language course (daily lessons/at least 18 hours/week)	
	Proof of German language skills (if any; recommended A1-A2), original and two (2) copies	
	Curriculum vitae with one (1) extra copy	
	Letter of motivation (<u>why do you want to take a German course in Germany and what is your intention after the language course – very important!</u>) with one (1) copy	
	School leaving certificates/academic certificates (O-level/A-level), original and two (2) copies	
	Proof of accommodation in Germany - two (2) copies	
	Proof of adequate financial means - two (2) copies <u>Financing</u> To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal at least 861 € per month . Proof must be submitted with the application of financial means for the duration of the language course-(for example, in the form of a blocked account or a formal undertaking by a third person living in Germany or another Schengen Country or to cover all costs “Verpflichtungserklärung”). Or a proof of regular income in Rwanda (employment contract, pay slips and bank statements of 3 last months, social security documents) Or a scholarship letter <u>In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account:</u> Open the blocked account in good time BEFORE you apply for a visa. When applying for a visa, only the official confirmation of the opening of the account including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted. A confirmation which does not include this information is not sufficient.	
	Proof of adequate health insurance cover (medical and travel insurance), original and two (2) copies If as a student you want to take out statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and after enrolment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to enrolment and registering for statutory health insurance.	
Applicant of a nationality other than Rwandan		
	Proof of habitual abode by “residence permit/visa”	
Fee		
	Processing fee of 75 €. Payable cash in RWF .	
Completeness of application		

The application is complete: Yes No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.

Declaration when applications are not complete:

I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.

_____ place, date, signature