

Legal notes

Please keep in mind that this paper doesn't raise any claim to completeness or has any legal force.

The detailed preconditions and the particular procedures are listed in the „Aufenthaltsgesetz“.

When in doubt, the exact wording of the law is decisive:

§§ 16 b, 16 c AufenthG for study and mobility (date: 01.03.2020).

You reach us:

Please arrange an appointment by phone or email with your responsible contact person.

Visits take place at counter 1 next to room 44.

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Stay in the administrative district Cham

Information for foreign students



This paper is addressed to foreign students who stay legally (possibly with a required visa) in Germany. It shall outline further legal steps.

Stay in the federal territory

Foreign students who are not citizens of an EU member state require a valid residence permit and a valid passport during their stay in Germany.

Anyone who takes up residence in the territory of the Federal Republic is also subject to the general obligation to register and must register with the local registry office.

What do I have to consider after entry?

You must register at the local registry office (townhall).

Before your visa expires, you must apply for a residence permit at the competent immigration office.

Taking up employment is permitted, as far as the visa entitles you to do so.

In principle, students may pursue employment for 120 days (or 240 half days) a year (§ 16b, par. 3 AufenthG).

Students are allowed to take up part-time jobs that are linked to their studies (e.g. at the university) without time restrictions.

Application for a residence permit

Please make an appointment for the application and always bring the following documents with you:

- certificate of matriculation and certificate of study time
- proof of sufficient health insurance coverage
- completely filled out and signed application
- current biometric passport photo
- rental contract of the apartment
- proof of securing living costs:
 - through own income
 - indication of a declaration of commitment by a third party
 - by presenting a blocked account
- The fee for the grant is 100.00 €.

Please arrange an appointment with us on time (at least 6 weeks before the visa expires) and preferably by e-mail.

What happens after the application is made?

It takes about 6 weeks from the submission of the application and all necessary documents to the delivery of your residence permit.

You will be informed by writing when the residence permit can be obtained.

The residence permit must be collected personally or by an authorized person.

The residence permit is issued as an electronic residence permit and is equipped with a chip with which you can identify on the internet.

Further information can be found in the information sheet „The electronic residence permit“ at www.bamf.de/publikationen.

What do I have to consider during my studies?

During your studies you have limited access to the job market. A change of academic course is only permitted with the permission of the immigration authorities. In principle, you must successfully complete your studies within the permitted duration of studies.

Your living costs must be secured for the entire duration of your studies. For this purpose, each student must have at least 853.00 € per month. The amount is determined by the Federal Ministry of the

Interior and can change from year to year.

The visa or residence permit entitles the holder to travel within the Schengen area.

Students may be allowed to both internships and part of your graduate studies abroad. Please inform yourself about this in advance at your university and the Foreigners' Office. For further information, please contact the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (www.bamf.de/migration).

Which opportunities do I have after successfully completing my studies?

After successful completion of the studies, a residence permit can be issued for the purpose of finding a suitable employment.

The residence permit can be issued for a maximum of 18 months.

As a skilled worker with an academic education, you can apply for a residence permit or an EU Blue Card (§ 18b AufenthG).

Skilled workers who have successfully completed their studies in Germany can apply for a settlement permit after 24 months at the earliest (§ 18 c AufenthG).