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Monday – Thursday, 09:00h - 11:00h

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Monday – Thursday, 08:30h - 09:30h

INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR **BLOCKED ACCOUNTS**

-as of November 2018-

General Information

Applications for a certification of a signature on the application form for a blocked account can be handed in during the opening hours of the consular-section, which are as follows:

Monday – Thursday, 09:00h - 11:00h

The German Embassy in Lusaka is in charge of applications for a certification of a signature from applicants **who reside either in Zambia or Malawi.**

A blocked account usually is used to ensure the financial security for the first year of a long-term-stay in Germany, e.g. students. In order to open a blocked account you need to find a suitable bank in Germany that offers blocked accounts and apply for it. A certification of signature may be mandatory before sending the application to the bank of your choice. In order to find out what the specific requirements you need to contact the bank of your choice.

To the best of the Embassy General's knowledge, there are currently no banks offering blocked accounts in Zambia that meet the requirements of the visa procedure. Information on providers that offer this service worldwide is available on the [Federal Foreign Office website](#)

A certification of signature can be done at the German Embassy in Lusaka. The current fee is 20€, payable in Zambian Kwacha only according to the current exchange rate.

Please note: In order to avoid time-consuming requests for additional information or documentation, please read this information leaflet carefully. If you have any queries or feel that your case may not be covered, please contact the bank of your choice **before applying** for a certification of your signature at the German Embassy in Lusaka and try to clarify all matters.

The German Embassy in Lusaka is only responsible for the certification of the signature. If your application will be accepted at the bank of your choice in Germany depends on whether you fulfil all requirements of that particular bank or not. The German Embassy in Lusaka has no influence on the assessment of your application! We therefore strongly suggest that you check the requirements of the bank of your choice before applying for the certification of signature at the German Embassy.

An application for a certification of a signature must be handed in **in person** by the signatory.

The signatory must sign in front of the staff at the counter of the German Embassy in Lusaka. The signatory will need to identify himself/herself with a valid passport and his/her NRC.

The regular processing time of a certification of a signature takes up to 3 days.

A certification of a signature on an application form for a blocked account does not automatically guarantee that the application will be successful and that the blocked account will be opened. If the application is refused by the bank there will be no refund of the certification-fee.

The amount of money needed in order to ensure the financial security during your stay varies and depends on the purpose and length of your stay. Please contact either the immigration offices in Germany or the bank of your choice to find out the exact amount needed. In case you want to study usually you need to ensure financial security for the first year of your stay which currently sums up to 8,640.00€ (720.00€ per month). This figure is as of August 2016.

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The following documents have to be submitted for a certification of a signature on an application for a blocked account:

valid passport and a copy of page of passport showing personal data (<i>particulars</i>)	as original
<i>If you are an alien living in either Zambia or Malawi:</i> valid permit of Zambia/Malawi	as original
completely filled-in application form (<i>from the bank of your choice</i>)	as original
documents that proof your entitlement to go to Germany for a long-term-stay and your purpose of stay (e.g. admission letter from a university or language school, etc.)	as original
documents that proof that you or a possible sponsor has sufficient financial means to transfer the necessary amount to the blocked account after it has been opened. (e.g. bank-statements, letter of sponsorship, etc.)	as original

Depending on the individual case further documentation may be requested while assessing your case.

For enquiries please contact the

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