

Information sheet: National visa

Visa to seek vocational training (Section 17 Residence Act)

Basic information

- For general information please see our website <https://lusaka.diplo.de/zm-en/service> and our Visa Navigator <https://visa.diplo.de/en/#/vib>
- Documents not in the German/ English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is not required.
- All documents must be presented in the original, certificates must be presented with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- **Processing time is approx.. 4-8 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please book your flights only when you have received your visa.
- The Embassy 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 Embassy 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.

General information

You can enter Germany to look for a vocational training place if your German language skills are at B2 level and you are younger than 25 years old. You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.

Visa application checklist		
The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.		
		Missing
	Two (2) fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act	
	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 and with at least two (2) completely empty pages)	
	Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport	
	Health insurance in line with EU standards (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 €, valid from the day of entry)	
	Letter of motivation with one (1) copy outlining for what jobs and where a vocational training place is sought	
	<p>Proof of German language skills (B2)</p> <p>Sufficient to prove your knowledge is submitting a language certificate which has been acquired on the basis of the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE standard). These ALTE standards apply to certificates issued by any Goethe Institute (GI) for the A1 language examination "Start Deutsch 1" (or a higher certificate of the Goethe Institute). Certificates from other language schools not meeting the ALTE standards cannot be accepted.</p> <p>As there is currently no Goethe Institute or certified Institute in Zambia or Malawi to take specific Language Test, we suggest to contact the Goethe Institutes in the neighbouring countries:</p> <p>Goethe-Zentrum in Harare, located at the Zimbabwe German Society, 51 Lawson Avenue, Milton Park, Harare, Contacts: Tel.: +263 4 705753 / +263 773 222 314 / E-Mail: info@goetheharare.org Goethe-Institute in Johannesburg, South Africa, 119 Jan Smuts Avenue, Parkwood 2193, postal address: Private Bag X18, Parkview 2122 Tel. +27 11 4423232, Fax +27 11 4423738, Info-Johannesburg@goethe.de Goethe-Institute Namibia, 1–5 Fidel Castro Street, P.O.B. 12 08, Windhoek, Tel. +264 61 225700, Fax +264 61 221256, info.windhoek@goethe.de</p> <p>Additionally you may consider online courses or self-learn language courses via internet, books and/or CDs on the market.</p>	
	School-leaving qualifications (original and two (2) copies)	
	<p>Proof of adequate financial means (original and two (2) copies)</p> <p><u>Financing</u> To stay in Germany, each individual applicant must have at their disposal at least 947 € per month. Proof of these means (for example in the form of a blocked account or a formal undertaking by a third person to cover</p>	

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	<p>all costs) is to be provided in advance when the application is submitted. When submitting an application, financial means totalling at least 5634 € and additional funding to finance departure from Germany where applicable totalling 1500 € must be proven.</p> <p><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 lodgement or transfer of funds without the aforementioned confirmation from the bank is not sufficient.</p>	
Applicant of a nationality other than Zambian		
	Zambian residence permit	
Fee		
	Visa fee of 75€. Payable in ZMW and cash only.	
Completeness of application		
	The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.	
<p>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.</p> <p>_____ place, date, signature</p>		