

Requirements for the issue of short stay (Schengen) visas

- Schengen visa allow a maximum stay of 90 days per period of 180 days in the Schengen area.

The following conditions for the issuance of visas must be positively established by the diplomatic mission or consular post for each individual visa applicant:

1. plausibility and comprehensibility of the purpose of travel in Germany;
2. financing of living and travel costs from own assets or income;
3. willingness of the visa holder to leave the Schengen area again before the visa expires;
4. presentation of travel health insurance valid for the entire Schengen area and for the entire duration of stay with a minimum coverage of 30,000 euros.

- If proof of own financing is not possible, financing can be proven by submission of a formal declaration of commitment pursuant to sections 66, 68 of the Residence Act by a third person. As a rule, the foreigners authority at the place of residence of the person making the commitment is responsible for receiving such a declaration.

You must present several documents in the Schengen border control area in order to be allowed to enter if you are not an EU national, regardless of whether you are exempt from the visa requirement or not.

The documents you must present when entering the Schengen area are as follows:

- Valid passport. Issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after the date you intend to leave the EU.
- Schengen visa. If you are a national of one of the third countries requiring a visa.

EU / Schengen border officials may also request other information and documents, such as sufficient funds, proof of accommodation, length of stay, return ticket, purpose of your entry, travel insurance and letter of invitation.

It is IMPORTANT that the border official gives you an entry stamp in your passport when you enter the Schengen area. Without the stamp, you could be fined or imprisoned.

You can find the application form for the Schengen visa [here](#). The application must then be submitted to one of the Schengen consulates in your home country on the visa application date. Before you apply for a visa, you must prepare a travel itinerary and purpose.

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Documents required for a Schengen visa:

- Schengen visa application form (completed and signed),
- two recent biometric passport photos,
- a copy of your passport, which is valid for at least three months after the expiry of your Schengen visa and has at least two free pages left,
- a reason for entry/purpose,
- round trip tickets, (flight number recommended)
- proof of accommodation,
- proof of sufficient funds for your travel period,
- and at best proof of travel health insurance.

A Schengen visa is required for all nationals of third countries that have not yet concluded an agreement with the Schengen member states. If you are unsure whether you need one, you can also check the list in the appendix. People from EU countries do not need a Schengen visa.

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Appendix:

Country/ territorial community	Entry visa required no/yes
Afghanistan	yes
Albania	no (1, 5)
Algeria	yes
Andorra	no (1, 4)
Angola	yes
Antigua and Barbuda	no (1)
Argentina	no (1)
Armenia	yes
Austria	no
Australia (including the Cocos Islands, Norfolk Island, Christmas Island)	no (1, 3)
Azerbaijan	yes
Bahamas	no (1)
Bahrain	yes
Bangladesh	yes
Barbados	no (1)

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Belarus	yes
Belgium	no
Belize	yes
Benin	yes
Bhutan	yes
Bolivia	yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	no (1, 5)
Botswana	yes
Brazil	no (1, 4)
Brunei Darussalam	no (1)
Bulgaria	no
Burkina Faso	yes
Burundi	yes
Cambodia	yes
Cameroon	yes
Canada	no (1, 3)
Cape Verde	yes

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Central African Republic	yes
Chad	yes
Chile	no (1)
China (People's Republic)	yes (6)
Colombia	no (1)
Comoros	yes
Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	yes
Congo (Republic of the Congo)	yes
Costa Rica	no (1)
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	yes
Croatia	no (1)
Cuba	yes
Cyprus	no
Czech Republic	no
Denmark	no
Djibouti	yes
Dominica	no (1)

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Dominican Republic	yes
Ecuador	yes
Egypt	yes
El Salvador	no (1, 4)
Equatorial Guinea	yes
Eritrea	yes
Estonia	no
Ethiopia	yes
Fiji	yes
Finland	no
France (including French Guyane, French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Martinique, New Caledonia, Réunion, St Pierre and Miquelon)	no
Gabon	yes
Gambia	yes
Georgia	no (1,5)
Ghana	yes
Greece	no

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Grenada	no (1)
Guatemala	no (1)
Guinea	yes
Guinea-Bissau	yes
Guyana	yes
Haiti	yes
Honduras	no (1, 4)
Hong Kong	see China (People's Republic) (6)
Hungary	no
Iceland	no (1, 3)
India	yes
Indonesia	yes
Iran	yes
Iraq	yes
Ireland	no
Israel	no (1, 3)

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Italy	no
Jamaica	yes
Japan	no (1, 3)
Jordan	yes
Kazakhstan	yes
Kenya	yes
Kiribati	no (1)
Korea (Republic of Korea, South Korea)	no (1, 3)
Korea (Democratic People's Republic, North Korea)	yes
Kosovo	yes
Kuwait	yes
Kyrgyzstan	yes
Laos	yes
Latvia	no
Lebanon	yes
Lesotho	yes
Liberia	yes

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Libya	yes
Liechtenstein	no
Lithuania	no
Luxembourg	no
Macao	no (1, 6)
Madagascar	yes
Malawi	yes
Malaysia	no (1)
Maldives	yes
Mali	yes
Malta	no
Marshall Islands	no (1)
Mauritania	yes
Mauritius	no (1)
Mexico	no (1)
Micronesia	no (1)
Moldova	no (1, 5)

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Monaco	no (1, 4)
Mongolia	yes
Montenegro	no (1, 5)
Morocco	yes
Mozambique	yes
Myanmar (Burma)	yes
Namibia	yes
Nauru	yes
Nepal	yes
Netherlands	no
New Zealand (including the Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau)	no (1, 3)
Nicaragua	no (1)
Niger	yes
Nigeria	yes
North Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	no (1, 5)
Norway	no

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Oman	yes
Pakistan	yes
Palau	no (1)
Palestinian territories	yes
Panama	no (1)
Papua New Guinea	yes
Paraguay	no (1)
Peru	no (1)
Philippines	yes
Poland	no
Portugal	no
Qatar	yes
Romania	no
Russian Federation	yes
Rwanda	yes
Saint Kitts and Nevis	no (1)
Saint Lucia	no (1)

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	no (1)
Samoa	no (1)
San Marino	no (1, 4)
São Tomé and Príncipe	yes
Saudi Arabia	yes
Senegal	yes
Serbia	no (1, 8)
Seychelles	no (1)
Sierra Leone	yes
Singapore	no (1)
Slovak Republic	no
Slovenia	no
Solomon Islands	no (1)
Somalia	yes
South Africa	yes
South Sudan	yes

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Spain (including Spanish territories in North Africa with Ceuta and Melilla)	no
Sri Lanka	yes
Sudan	yes
Suriname	yes
Swaziland	yes
Sweden	no
Switzerland	no (1, 3)
Syria	yes
Taiwan	no (1, 9)
Tajikistan	yes
Tanzania	yes
Thailand	yes
Timor-Leste (East Timor)	no (1)
Togo	yes
Tonga	no (1)
Trinidad and Tobago	no (1)

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Tunisia	yes
Turkey	yes
Turkmenistan	yes
Tuvalu	no (1)
Uganda	yes
Ukraine	no (1, 5)
United Arab Emirates	no (1)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	no (1, 3, 7)
United States of America (including Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico)	no (1, 3)
Uruguay	no (1)
Uzbekistan	yes
Vanuatu	yes (2)
Vatican City	no (1)
Venezuela	no (1)
Viet Nam	yes
Yemen	yes

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Zambia	yes
Zimbabwe	yes

1) Persons who do not require a visa to enter Germany (holders of passports from the countries marked “no” on the list) may, as a general rule, not remain on German territory for more than 90 days in any 180-days period. Nor may they take up gainful employment whilst here. German entered into bilateral visa waiver agreements with certain countries which, under certain circumstances, allow for a stay in Germany exceeding the period of 90 days in any 180-days period. More detailed information in this regard can be obtained at the websites of the German embassies and consulates in the respective countries.

2) For holders of ordinary passports issued on or after 25 May 2015.

3) Residence permits (also for stays of more than 3 months) may be applied for after entering Germany without a visa.

4) Footnote 3 also applies provided gainful employment is not taken up.

5) The visa waiver applies only to holders of biometric passports.

6) The visa waiver applies to holders of SAR passports (Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Region passports). These may not remain on German territory for more than 90 days in any six month period. Nor may they take up gainful employment whilst here.

7) The visa waiver also applies to British Nationals (Overseas).

8) The visa waiver applies only to holders of biometric passports (excluding holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava)

9) The exemption from the visa requirement applies only to holders of passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number.

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