

Use this checklist before your visa appointment at the German consulate. Requirements may vary slightly by consulate. Always verify with the official German embassy in your country.

1. PASSPORT & IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

- Valid passport (min. 12 months validity after intended stay)
- 2 blank pages minimum in passport
- Old passports if applicable (bring all)
- 2 recent passport photos (35x45mm, white background, biometric)
 - *Must be taken within the last 6 months*
- Copy of passport data page

2. UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

- Official letter of admission from German university
 - *Must be from a state-recognised institution*
- Proof of enrolment (if already enrolled)
- Blocked account confirmation letter from Fintiba or Expatrio
 - *EUR 11,208 required for 2026 (EUR 934/month)*
- Certificate of German language proficiency OR English-taught programme confirmation
- APS certificate (for Nigerian, Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese applicants)
 - *Check if required for your country*

3. FINANCIAL PROOF

- Blocked account (Sperrkonto) opening confirmation — Fintiba or Expatrio
 - *Minimum EUR 11,208 for 2026*
- Bank statements (last 3 months) if using sponsorship instead
- Sponsorship declaration (Verpflichtungserklärung) if family-funded
 - *Must be notarised*
- Scholarship letter if applicable (DAAD, Erasmus, etc.)

4. HEALTH INSURANCE

- Valid travel health insurance for the first 3 months in Germany
 - *Must cover EUR 30,000 minimum*
- German public health insurance confirmation (if pre-arranged)
- Proof of exemption if applicable

5. APPLICATION FORMS

- Completed visa application form (national visa / Visum D)
 - *Available at the German consulate website*
- Signed declaration of accuracy
- Appointment confirmation from the consulate

6. HOUSING & ACCOMMODATION

- Proof of accommodation in Germany
 - *Lease agreement, university dorm confirmation, or host letter*
- Host family declaration if staying with someone

7. ACADEMIC RECORDS

- Certified copies of Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Official academic transcripts (notarised translation if not in German/English)
- APS certificate if required for your country

8. ADDITIONAL 2026 REQUIREMENTS

- Digital appointment booking — in-person walk-ins no longer accepted at most consulates
 - *New for 2026*
- Biometric data will be collected at appointment (fingerprints)
- Entry ban check clearance if applicable
- If under 18: parental consent notarised

