

Information on Visa and Residence Permit for Non-EU Students

Congratulations on receiving admission for a degree program at the University of Regensburg. The following information regarding German national foreigner law will guide you through the administrative processes waiting to be dealt with prior to and after arrival.

Do I need a visa upon arrival?

Most nationalities must apply for a visa – covering their stay (exceeding 90 days) in Germany – at the German Embassy in their home country. After arriving in Germany, students have to change their visa into a German residence permit.

! Entering Germany without a Visa !

[Overview of Visa Requirements and Exemptions by the Federal Foreign Office](#)

If you are a citizen of the following countries, you can enter Germany without a visa:

Andorra, Australia (incl. Islands of Australia), Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, Monaco, New Zealand (incl. Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau), San Marino, USA (incl. Guam, Puerto Rico).

Please note: Although you are permitted to enter Germany without a visa, you must apply for a German residence permit at the Foreigners' Registration Office (FRO) within the first three months after arrival!

How do I apply for a residence permit according to §16b?

International students from Non-EU countries require a residence permit for their stay in Germany according to §16b of the German Residence Act ("AufenthaltsgG"). The residence permit is exclusively and temporarily issued for the only purpose of studying in Germany. Your city's/ municipality's Foreigners' Registration Office is responsible for deciding on and granting your residence permit.

In order to apply for a residence permit, you will need the following documents:

- form "Antrag auf Erteilung einer befristeten Aufenthaltserlaubnis"
- form "Anmeldung bei der Meldebehörde" (in order to register your new address in Regensburg)
- passport + biometrical photo
- letter of admission („Zulassungsbescheid or „Immatrikulationsbescheinigung“)
- proof of health insurance
- **financial proof**

Without proof of sufficient financial means, you will not be able to apply for a residence permit!

Financial proof can be submitted in the form of:

- German blocked account: bank statement showing a balance of at least 11.208,- EUR/ year (account has to be opened in your home country)
- *Declaration of commitment* (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) according to § 68 of the German AufenthG (the inviting or supporting party can file this document at the responsible German Embassy in your home country or at the local Foreigners’ Registration Office in Germany after arrival in Germany)
- German public funds
- German bank account: bank statement showing a balance of at least 11.208,- EUR/ year (after arrival)

Contact: Foreigners’ Registration Office

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You can apply for the residence permit [online](#).

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