

VISA AND RESIDENCE REGULATIONS

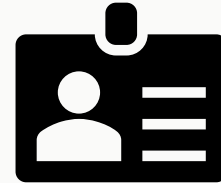


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VISA REGULATIONS

No visa required:

- international students from the **European Union (EU)**
- **European Economic Area nations** and **Switzerland**

Visa required:

- international students from **non-EU countries** generally need a visa to enter Germany
 - check whether exemptions apply to you and whether you need an additional residence permit on the pages of the [German Foreign Office](#)
 - Students with a valid visa that covers the whole period of the planned stay do not need a residence permit.
 - Do **not** enter Germany on a tourist visa!



VISA REGULATIONS BEFORE DEPARTURE



What visa to apply for:

- The **type of visa** you need to apply for depends on whether you have already received your admission letter:
 - **prospective student visa** (“*Visum zur Studienbewerbung*”) or
 - **student visa** (“*Visum zu Studienzwecken*”) or **research visa** for doctoral students
- **Submit your application early enough!** Visa processing can take several months and you won’t be able to enter the country without a valid visa.
- additional information on our [website](#)

VISA REGULATIONS AFTER ARRIVAL



Applying for a residence permit:

- apply within the validity of your visa or within the first **90 days after arrival** for:
 - residence permit for the **purpose of studying**
 - residence permit for the **purpose of applying for a study place**
- follow the steps on the website of the [Immigration Office Bonn](#)
- receive your **electronic residence title** (“eAT”) approx. 6-8 weeks later

REGULATIONS ON JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

EU Student

- free working market, no limitations
- German health insurance required
- more than 20 hours per week, you must pay certain insurance contributions

Non-EU Student

- 120 full days / 240 half days, usually not allowed to become self-employed
- exception: student or academic assistant job, please inform the immigration office
- internship: legal regulations for student jobs also apply to internships which are not mandatory

Taxes

- tax identification number ("*Steuer-ID*") is sent to you automatically after registration at the city (make sure that your name is on your mailbox)
- earn up to €450 per month = not paying taxes
- earn more than €450 per month = you need to pay taxes

CAREER ENTRY



- Graduates from the EU and the EEA enjoy **unrestricted access** to the German labor market.
- Citizens of other countries may extend their residence permit for **up to 18 months** after graduating in order to find a suitable job.
 - The 18 months start as soon as you receive your last exam result.
 - If you succeed in finding a job during this period, you can stay in Germany and receive a **residence permit** for the purpose of gainful employment.
- support from the University of Bonn: [iStart Career Program](#), [Career Center](#)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND
HAVE A GREAT START IN BONN!**