INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS FOR LANGUAGE COURSES

Contact person abroad: The German Embassy or the German Consulate in your home country
Contact person in Munich: The Foreigners’ Office at the Department of Public Order in Munich

Who needs a visa?
A list of countries that require a visa, i.e. countries that do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Germany

- Citizens from countries within the EU as well as citizens from Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway; If you have a SAR passport (Passports from special administration districts - Hong Kong and Macau) you have a BNO passport (British Nationals Overseas) do not need a visa
- **After entering**, citizens from the following countries (Privileged countries) can apply for a visa: Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, and the U.S. as well as citizens from Andorra, Brazil, El Salvador, Honduras, Monaco and San Marino
- In all other cases a visa is required **before entering**! A residency permit extension is also not possible even when entering with a tourist or Schengen visa!

Necessary documents and **requirements**:

- Proof of sufficient financing for living expenses (e.g. A savings book or savings account with a minimum of 8,640 Euros or an affidavit from your parents agreeing to make monthly payments of 720 Euros for at least one year)
- Proof of adequate health insurance, e.g. Klemmer or Care-Concept
- Proof that you are attending / will attend a German language course: at least 20 45-minute classroom hours per week with mandatory regular attendance
- German classes for non-university students: the length of stay is a maximum of 12 months. No extensions / No employment allowed
- German classes for university students (applicants for a place at university): a residency permit for university preparation is a maximum of 2 years after entering. Requirement: a high school diploma and an official letter of accreditation for it.
- **Important information**: A language course visa cannot be changed into a visa for studying at university. The visa is generally issued for 3 months (90 days). Within this period of time an issuance of a residency permit must be applied for. If you want to study in Germany after the language course, then you should also state this in your visa application.

Requirements for a German intensive course certificate from Tandem in Munich:

- A completed registration form with your passport number and place of birth
- A payment of 200 Euros for each month registered. In order to grant a visa, some German Embassies expect the course fee to be paid in full in advance.

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