

AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (A VISA) LIST OF DOCUMENTS

General information

British citizens do not require a visa for any kind of transit through the European Union's Schengen Member States provided that the duration of the combined transits does not exceed 90 days within any 180 day period.

Individuals who **do not require a visa to visit Germany** do not require a visa to transit through Germany. The vast majority of other foreign travelers benefit from what is known as "transit privileges". If during transit through a German airport, you do not leave the International Airport Area and if your destination is not within the Schengen area, you do not need a transit visa. However, if for some reason you need to enter the Schengen area during transit (for example to change terminals or if your destination is within the Schengen area), you may require a **C visa**.

You need to apply for your visa well in advance.

Only five airports in Germany have an International Transit Area enabling you to transit without formally entering the Schengen area:

- Frankfurt International Airport (FRA)
- München/ Munich International Airport (MUC)
- Berlin Airport (BER, 6am to 11pm only)
- Hamburg Airport (HAM, 4:30am to 11:30pm only)
- Köln/Bonn / Cologne/Bonn Airport (CGN 4:30am to 11:00pm only)
- Düsseldorf Airport (DUS, 6am to 9pm only). Only if the carrier has arranged for transit facilities with the Federal Police beforehand. Please check with your airline!

Nationals of the [following countries do not yet enjoy transit privileges and therefore require an airport transit visa \(category A\) for transit at a German airport.](#)

The following individuals are exempt from airport transit requirements

- Holders of valid visas and national residence permits issued by any EU and Schengen country,
- Holders of certain national residence permits issued by the following countries: Andorra, Japan, Canada, San Marino, United States of America,
- Holders of valid visas issued by an EEA country (the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) or visas issued by Japan, Canada or the United States of America,

Since the end of the transition phase and the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union UK visas and residence permits do not exempt their holders from airport transit requirements.

List of documents

[Printed Visa Application form \(original\)](#)

All pages of the online application form including the barcode need to be printed out. Please sign the form in 3 designated places.

Passport (original)

Signed by the holder, issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after the end date of the trip to the Schengen member states with at least 2 subsequent blank pages.

- One photocopy of the passport's bio data page**

- UK Residence permit**

Issued as a biometric card (BRP) or endorsed in the passport. Must be valid for at least one month after the end date of the trip to the Schengen member states. C-type visitor visa is not acceptable.

- One photocopy of the BRP (front and back) or endorsement**

- [Biometric Passport Photo](#) (original)**

35 x 45 mm, no older than three months, on white or off-white background. Digitally altered passport photos cannot be accepted.

- Reserved return airline/ ferry/ train ticket**

- Confirmed return travel tickets: mentioning the applicant's name and travel dates*
- When reserving/booking a ticket, please be aware that filing a complete application does not guarantee that a visa will be granted. It may be advisable to book a fully refundable ticket.*

- Proof of address in UK** (i.e. latest council tax bill, utility bill, bank statement, pension certificate or similar)

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR MINORS

- Separate application form for each child**

- Applications need to be signed by both parents / all guardians**

Should one parent / guardian be unable to sign, please provide additional information. If sole custody has been awarded to one parent, please provide evidence.

- Original passports of both parents and copy or certified copy of biodata page of the passports**

- Original birth certificate of each child and copy**

- United Kingdom school certificate**, if applicable

Important travel notice for unaccompanied minors:

We strongly recommend that a **declaration/ letter of consent signed by both parents** be provided authorizing the minor to travel and stay in the territory of the Schengen member states and appointing a person that will be responsible for them while travelling.