

SHORT-STAY FAMILY / FRIENDS VISIT VISA (LESS THAN 90 DAYS)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

General information

It is strongly recommended to submit a complete set of documents as per the below list of requirements in order to avoid delays in visa processing.

The decision to approve or refuse a visa is entirely up to the Diplomatic Mission.

Please note: The Diplomatic Mission might request you to submit missing / additional documents that may prolong the processing time.

Applicants must always **bring and present their original documents together with the photocopies.**

All documents that are not issued in German, English, Spanish or French require translation into German or English.

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☑ Printed Visa Application form (original)

2 printouts of the application form including the barcode. 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.

☑ **Evidence of sufficient funds**

o United Kingdom bank account statements in your name showing movements over the last three months, as a minimum, and current balance showing at least £40 per day for the entire duration of stay. If the bank statement is over one week old, a printout of the recent transaction history must be provided.

o Credit card(s) and credit card statement indicating the cardholder's name and address are also accepted. The statement must contain information on monthly limit or spending cap.

o The bank balance must also include the cost of tickets and accommodation (if not paid).

☑ **Reserved return airline/ ferry/ train ticket**

o Confirmed return travel tickets: mentioning the applicant's name and travel dates to & from the Schengen area. If travelling within Schengen countries, it is advisable to provide travel tickets showing proof of travel.

o 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. General information

📄 Invitation from your host in Germany

o Accommodation provided by family/friends in Germany: Informal, recent, signed and dated invitation letter provided by your host in Germany confirming travel period and address of stay, along with a copy of host's passport's bio page and host's permit of stay in Germany, if host is non-EU citizen

o OR a formal obligation letter ("Verpflichtungserklärung"). This formal obligation letter can be obtained at the local immigration office in Germany ("Ausländerbehörde").

📄 A travel health insurance policy

Must show the applicant's name, has cover of at least €30,000, valid for all Schengen member states and must cover

the entire period of the applicant's intended stay in the Schengen area.

📄 Confirmation letter of employment/ student status/ unemployment/ pension.

o Employee: employment letter.

o Self-employed person: recent letter from accountant, banker or solicitor (official headed letter with name, date of issue, address, contact details and position of signatory and registration number in the United Kingdom) confirming self-employment or business ownership in the United Kingdom. The letter must also state the amount of remuneration drawn monthly or annually from the company. Self-assessment form submitted to revenue and customs authorities.

o Student: letter from school, college or university confirming the student's status.

o Unemployed/retired: letter from Universal Credit, pension letter or proof of benefits received.

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

📄 If sponsored by spouse/parent/adult child

o Marriage/Birth certificate original and copy (if this document was issued outside the EU and is not in English or German, then it should be translated by a certified translator)

o Sponsor's passport (copy)

o Sponsor's proof of funds

o Sponsor's proof of occupation

o Signed confirmation of support by your spouse/parent/adult child

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.