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## The way into the German education system

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Purpose of the journey	Admission requirements  General requirements: Passport + Proof of financial means + No existing reason for expulsion	Application process abroad  Clarification of intergovernmental agreements and special agreements	Application process in Germany	Application for residence permit after entering the country  The residence permit corresponds to the purpose of entry stated in the visa
Studies / doctoral studies	<ul> <li>Abitur/academic degree</li> <li>Admission to a higher educaton programme or if applicable, to the "Studienkolleg"</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means to secure livelihood in Germany</li> <li>Proof of language skills</li> </ul>			Section 16b Act on the Residence - AufenthG Residence permit for the purpose of studying
Search for a place at university application	<ul> <li>School and language requirements for the degree course</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means to secure livelihood in Germany</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appointment request is free of charge</li> <li>German embassies provide information about possible waiting times for appointments on their websites</li> <li>Make an appointment at the German embassy</li> <li>Apply for a visa</li> <li>Fee: EUR 75</li> <li>Processing time varies between a few days and several months</li> <li>In case of rejection: re-application possible</li> </ul>	It is mandatory to have sufficient health insurance coverage prior to entering Germany.      Apply for a residence permit      Request the list of the required documents from the foreigners authority     General requirements: Passport + Proof of financial means + No existing reason for expulsion     The amount of the fee varies according to the region, purpose and duration of stay     The fee can be up to EUR 100	Section 17, para. 2 Act on Residence - AufenthG  After successful university admission: Section 16b Act on the Residence - AufenthG  Residence permit for the purpose of studying
Vocational training	<ul> <li>Training position in Germany</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means to secure livelihood in Germany</li> <li>Approval from the Federal Employment Agency (BA) required</li> <li>German language skills level B1 (CEFR)</li> </ul>			Section 16a Act on the Residence - AufenthG Residence permit for the purpose of vocational training
Search for vocational training position	<ul> <li>Age limit: 25 years</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means to secure livelihood in Germany</li> <li>German language skills level B1 (CEFR)</li> </ul>			Section 17, para. 1 Act on Residence - AufenthG After successful search for a training position: Section 16a Act on the Residence - AufenthG Residence permit for the purpose of vocational training
Study-related internship EU	<ul> <li>Internship position in Germany</li> <li>Enrollment at a foreign university</li> </ul>			Section 16e Act on the Residence - AufenthG Residence permit for the purpose of doing an internship
Language acquisition	<ul> <li>Admission to an intensive German language course in Germany</li> <li>Proof of sufficient financial means to secure livelihood in Germany</li> </ul>			Section 16f Act on the Residence - AufenthG Residence permit for the purpose of language acquisition