

## *Visa for Language course*

As a rule, a visa for the purpose of a language course (Section 16f par. 1 Residence Act) cannot be converted into a student or applicant visa in Germany. If you intend to study at a German university immediately after the language course, please apply directly for a student or study applicant visa. The residence permit in accordance with Section 16f par. 1 Residence Act does not entitle the holder to pursue gainful employment.

### *Required documents:*

**Please make sure to prepare a complete set of the following documents (collated in the order as listed below with a legible, unstapled copy in DinA4 format) to submit during your appointment:**

- fully completed and signed application including declaration pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- 1 recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid and passport with at least two completely empty pages
- 1 uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
- Danish residence permit (card) -original + 1 copy (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or bopælsattest (not older than 2 months) – original + 1 copy
- Confirmation of fully paid language course registration– must indicate the level (A1, B2 etc.), the duration of the course and the number of weekly lessons – original + 1 copy
- Documents showing what you have been doing in Denmark (degree certificates, university/employment confirmation) - original + 1 copy
- Proof of financial means for the duration of the language course in Germany – original + 1copy either
  - by a blocked account (“Sperrkonto”) at a bank in Germany containing the amount of 12.324 € for the first year of your stay (or for shorter stay 1.027 € per month
  - by a formal obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) by a sponsor resident in Germany or
  - proof of scholarship
- Proof of accommodation in Germany incl. full address (e.g. rental agreement, hotel reservation or invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport copy of the inviting person) – original + 1 copy
- Proof of valid health insurance – original + 1 copy (please refer to info on health insurance)
- Letter of motivation explaining your reasons for attending a German language class in Germany and what you intend to do afterwards

Once all required documents have been submitted, the application and supporting documents will be forwarded to the appropriate Aliens Authority (Ausländerbehörde) at the applicant's intended place of residence during his/her stay in Germany. The processing can take about 2 – 4 months. As soon as the application has been approved by the German authority, the Embassy will issue a national visa. A final residence permit for a longer period will be issued upon arrival by the Aliens' Authority.

*Fees:*

75 €, payable either by Visa/Mastercard or in cash in DKK (approximately 560 DKK, depending on the exchange rate)

*Additional information:*

Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected. The embassy reserves the right to request further documents. Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization.

The visa must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and, where applicable, the competent foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received. **The processing time** is as a rule ca. 2 -4 months, but can take longer in individual cases.

Please do not contact the embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

*All data contained herein are based on the knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time of drafting this information sheet. However, no liability can be assumed for the completeness and accuracy.*