



Working Holiday Visa (WHV)

The Working Holiday Visa Program is based on bilateral agreements between the Federal Republic of Germany and Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Israel, Japan, New Zealand and Uruguay. It aims at enabling young people to gain an insight into German culture and daily life, allowing them to travel to Germany for up to 12 months. The main reason for travelling to Germany should be a vacation. To help finance the stay, jobs may be taken up.

Who can apply and where?

To be eligible for the Working Holiday Visa you must:

- be a citizen either of Argentina/Australia/Canada/Chile/Israel/Japan/New Zealand/Uruguay
Submit proof of legal residence in Denmark or any other EU-country/one of the countries on the current “positive list” for the last 6 months before submitting the application
- be between 18 and 30 years old
- not be accompanied by any dependent family members during your stay

Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, Israeli and Japanese citizens are encouraged to apply for a residence permit directly at the local immigration authority ('Ausländerbehörde') after entering Germany.

Please note:

Without a valid working-holiday visa you are not allowed to commence any employment.

Required documents:

Please make sure to prepare a complete set of the following documents collated in the order listed below and bring them to your appointment. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

- 1 completed and signed application form for a residence permit plus declaration of accuracy of information
- Valid passport – 1 copy of the passport’s data page
- 1 biometrical passport photo, not older than 6 months (see separate photo specifications on our website)
- Proof of legal residence in Denmark/the EU/one of the countries on the current German “positive list” of countries for the past 6 months
- Health Insurance valid in Germany for entire duration of stay. You must be able to prove that you are actually insured, which can only be documented by the original policy. Should you wish to submit a printout, please include the payment receipt and mark the relevant passages in the insurance policy or submit a certificate of insurance by the provide.
- Evidence of sufficient funds, equivalent of a minimum of Euro 2000 in form of bank statements in applicant’s name (German or Danish Bank) covering the last 3 months. If you will have free accommodation in Germany (for example with relatives or friends) for the full first 3 months, the necessary amount is 750 EUR instead. In this case, please submit proof of free accommodation (invitation letter + passport copy of the inviting person)
- Proof of accommodation (e.g. hotel reservation) at least for the first week of your stay in Germany

- A return flight ticket or evidence of sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket 1500 EUR (original + copy)
- Curriculum vitae (table)
- Individual letter of motivation
- For Argentinian applicants: Danish certificate of no criminal record. Link: <https://politi.dk/bestil/bestil-straftattest/privat-straftattest>

Fees:

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

Additional information:

The Working Holiday Visa includes the Work Permit for Germany.

Applicants are requested to apply well in advance to the intended date of departure. Application processing may take up to two weeks.

This information sheet has been prepared with utmost care. It is intended to provide a point of reference to our clients but may not be fully applicable to every individual case. If you have further, more specific questions which are not answered by the information contained here nor on our website www.kopenhagen.diplo.de, please contact the German embassy.

This information is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.

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.

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