

Working Holiday Visa (WHV)

The Working Holiday Visa Program (WHP) is based on bilateral agreements between the Federal Republic of Germany and Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, SAR Hong Kong, Taiwan and Uruguay, as well as a Youth Mobility Program (YMP) with Canada. These programs aim at enabling young people to gain insight into culture and daily life in the Federal Republic of Germany. The intention is to promote increased mutual understanding and the applicant's primary aim should be to visit Germany. The Working Holiday Visa includes the Work Permit for Germany. The duration of the work permit depends on the nationality of the participant.

Who can apply and where?

Citizens of Argentina, Australia, Chile, Israel, Japan, New Zealand and Uruguay can apply for Working Holiday Visa, Citizens of Canada can apply for Youth -Mobility Visa at the German Embassy in Copenhagen. - Citizens of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Japan and Israel can also apply for the WHV/YMP directly at the local aliens' authority (Ausländerbehörde) after having entered Germany. Without a valid Working-Holiday Visa you are not allowed to commence any employment.

To be eligible for the Working Holiday Visa you must:

- be between 18 and 30 years old (for Canadian citizens: 35)
- not have previously stayed in Germany as part of the Working Holiday/Youth Mobility program
- not be accompanied by any dependent family members (e.g. children) during your stay

Required documents (To be submitted in German or English)

(collated in the order as listed below with a legible, unstapled copy in DinA4 format)

- 1 completed and signed application form for a residence permit plus including declaration pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- Passport, valid until at least 3 months after planned departure from Germany – 1 copy of the passport's data page
- 1 biometrical passport photo, not older than 6 months (see separate photo specifications on our website)
- Health Insurance for Germany (valid for all Schengen-countries) for entire duration of stay. The insurance must have a minimum cover of 30.000 € for all medical costs and be inclusive off all costs of an emergency repatriation to your home country.
- Evidence of sufficient funds, equivalent of a minimum of 2000 € in form of bank statements in applicant's name covering the last 3 months. If the details on the account statements are not in euros, please enclose a conversion with a screenshot of a currency converter.

For Argentinian applicants: The money must be credited via a German blocked funds account or a sponsorship declaration (Verpflichtungserklärung) or with a foreign currency bank account in the name of the applicant (not a third party).

If you will have free accommodation in Germany (for example with relatives or friends – invitations of other WHV-Program participants are not accepted) for the full first 3 months, the necessary amount is € 750 instead. In this case, please submit proof of free accommodation (invitation letter + passport copy + proof of residence of the inviting person – Meldebescheinigung not older than 3 months)

- Proof of accommodation (e.g. hotel reservation incl. proof of payment) at least for the first week of your stay in Germany
A return flight ticket to your home country or evidence of sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket € 1500 in addition to what is indicated above regarding funds (original + copy)
- Curriculum vitae (table)
- Individual letter of motivation
- For Argentinian applicants: Certificate of no criminal record.

The special requirements and documents to be submitted for the Youth Mobility Program for Canadian nationals can be found on the website of the German diplomatic missions in Canada (<https://canada.diplo.de/>).

Fees:

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

Additional information:

- In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional information
- Processing time for complete application is usually 2 weeks.
- Please note that you cannot apply more than 3 months before your entry to Germany.
- You have to pick up the visa personally at the embassy.

*All data contained herein are based on the knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time of drafting this information sheet.
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