



Visa to perform voluntary service (Federal Voluntary Service (BFD), Voluntary Social Year (FSJ), Voluntary Ecological Year (FÖJ), European Voluntary Service (EVS))

A visa can be issued to participate in voluntary services in Germany (Voluntary Social Year (FSJ), Federal Voluntary Service (BFD) and Voluntary Ecological Year (FÖJ). Persons participating in the European Voluntary Service (EVS) will be granted a visa provided that the prerequisites are met. The duration of voluntary service can be between six and 24 months, as a rule, however, it lasts a full year.

The aim of the stay is to contribute to the common good and acquire skills.

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:

- filled and signed application form incl. declaration acc. 54 AufenthG
- Valid passport, providing a minimum of 2 blank pages + 1 copy of the passport's data page
- 1 Passport sized photos – no older than 6 months, must meet biometric standards
- 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
- Personally drafted complete curriculum vitae, detailing in particular training to date and, where applicable, periods of employment
- Letter of motivation for seeking employment detailing expectations of planned stay and anticipated career and personal benefits, as well as future plans
- **Contract/Arrangement** on your voluntary service in Germany:
 - Federal Voluntary Service (BFD):** Your contract must be signed by you and the Federal Office of Family Affairs and Civil Society Functions (BAFzA), as well as the placement department, headquarters and, where applicable, by the institution implementing the voluntary service.
 - Voluntary Social Year (FSJ)/Voluntary Ecological Year (FOJ):** Your contract must be signed by you and the respective institution, as well as, where applicable, the placement department.
 - European Voluntary Service (EVS):** Your contract must be signed by the National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth in Action and the coordinating organisation. The Volunteer Arrangement in which the tasks and planned participant achievements are described must be signed by the coordinating organisation and the volunteer.
- **Proof of adequate financial means** (As a rule, the sponsoring organisation covers accommodation and food costs. If the contract or other confirmation provided by the respective department does not provide information on your accommodation and meals, please provide additional proof that you can support yourself.)

- **Only for BFD/FSJ/FÖJ: Confirmation by the placement department/institution that no language skills are required initially or that you can acquire language skills by attending a language course after entry (otherwise: note for the mission abroad to request proof of basic knowledge of the German language when visa application is submitted).**
- **Health insurance** in line with EU standards (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 €, valid from the day of entry for the entire stay; proof to be provided at the latest when collecting the visa!

Fees:

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

Additional information:

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 takes about 4 weeks. As soon as the application has been approved by the German authority, the Embassy will issue a national visa.

Please ensure that your application documents are complete! Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.

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.
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