



Applying for an
Airport Transit Visa

for Non-Kuwaiti passport holders

The German Embassy Kuwait is the competent mission for your Airport transit visa application if your usual place of residence is Kuwait and your Transit Airport is in Germany. Should it become clear that your usual place of residence is outside Kuwait; your visa application cannot be handled by the German Embassy Kuwait.

Applicants whose usual place of residence is Syria or Yemen can also apply for an Airport Transit Visa at the German Embassy Kuwait.

Please note that applications for an Airport Transit visa are to be submitted at the external service provider [VFS Global Kuwait](#). The external service provider supports you during the application procedure and forwards your file to the Embassy. If you do not speak Arabic, English or Hindi, please be accompanied by a translator for your visa appointment.

Every applicant needs his/her own appointment and needs to appear in person. Minors have to be accompanied by their custodians.

Should you need appointments for a larger group, please contact VFS Global Kuwait in advance.

We urgently recommend that you book your appointment yourself. Using “agents” or “advisors” puts you at risk of losing a lot of time and money. Booking an appointment is free of charge; neither the German Embassy nor VFS Global Kuwait will request payment other than the visa fees or the VFS Global Kuwait Service fees stated on the respective websites.

Documents and certificates are to be provided in German or English. Should your documents be issued in any other language, please provide the original with an official translation into German or English.

The applicant is responsible for all information provided during the application process.

Only fully completed applications can be accepted; failing to submit the necessary documents in the requested form may lead to a refusal of your visa request.

Forged or falsified documents, including fake reservations, will result in an immediate refusal of your visa application and a possible entry ban to the Schengen area.

When do you need an Airport Transit Visa (A-Visa)?

Travelers need an Airport Transit Visa (no entry into the Schengen area):

- If you are transiting at a German airport on your flight from Kuwait to your final destination (not a Schengen country)
- Your layover time in the international transit area is no longer than 24 hours and
- If you do not pass passport control

Please note that only the following five German airports are equipped with an international transit area, which allows passengers to transfer flights without formally entering the Schengen area:

- Frankfurt Main (ICAO-Code: EDDF, IATA-Code: FRA)
- Munich (ICAO-Code: EDDM, IATA-Code: MUC)
- Hamburg (ICAO-Code: EDDH, IATA-Code: HAM), between 04:30 am and 11:30 pm
- Düsseldorf (ICAO-Code: EDDL, IATA-Code: DUS), between 06:00 am and 09:00 pm
- Berlin Brandenburg (ICAO-Code: EDDB, IATA-Code: BER) between 05:30 am and 11:30 pm

For further information on the transit procedures please contact your airline or travel agency.

Should the above mentioned condition apply to your trip, citizens of the following countries require an Airport Transit Visa:

Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Bangladesch, Eritrea, Ghana, India, Irak, Iran, Jordan, Kongo, Kuba, Lebanon, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey

Exceptions:

You do not need an Airport Transit Visa if you

- hold a Diplomatic passport
- have a valid visa or a valid residency for a Schengen country or Denmark, United Kingdom, Ireland, Bulgaria, Romania or Cyprus
- you have a valid visa or residency for Canada, Japan or the United States of America, if they allow for an unconditional return

When do you need a Schengen Visa (C-Visa) for Airport Transit?

- If you are leaving the international transit area and pass border controls (for example when changing Terminals)
- If you have two transit stops in the Schengen area or if you transit at an airport other than the ones mentioned above
- If you continue your journey with a different means of transport (e.g. train, car, bus or alike)

Please note that when applying for a Schengen Visa for transit purposes, you will have to provide a valid health insurance.

List of required documents:

1. Schengen Visa application form

One duly filled (in English or German) and signed application form. Please use the [VIDEX](#) application form for Schengen visas in order to speed up the application process and to reduce your waiting time.

2. Visa fees

The visa fee for applicants from the age of 12 or older is 80,- Euros, for applicants between the ages of 6 and 12 is 40,- Euros. Children under the age of 6 do not have to pay the visa fee.

The fee is to be paid in cash or via Debit/Credit Card in KWD (according to the current Embassy exchange rate) at VFS when applying.

3. Passport

Valid, non-damaged passport

- signed by the passport holder if he/she is above the age of 10
- issued within the past 10 years
- valid for at least 3 months after the intended date of departure from the Schengen area
- minimum of two empty pages

Please provide your original passport as well as any previous passports (if available) together with one copy of the data page and previous Visas (Schengen, US, UK, etc.).

Your passport will remain with the Embassy during the entire processing time. Passports may only be withdrawn for urgent travel. In this case a written request from the applicant has to be presented to the Embassy.

4. Biometric Photo

One recent (not older than 6 months) biometrical passport photograph with a white background (3.5 cm x 4.5 cm). The photo has to show the facial features from the chin to the hairline as well as the left and right half of the face. Please see the sample chart for passport photos on the website.

5. Entry permit for your final destination

Upon applying for your Airport Transit visa you need to provide the visa or residence permit for your final destination. Should you not require a visa for your final destination, please provide proof thereof.

6. Flight ticket and proof of residence

Valid, non-canceled flight reservation (round-trip)

Colored copy (front and back) of your valid Kuwaiti residence permit (Civil ID) or colored print out from the Kuwait Mobile ID together with the original document.

Please note that your Kuwaiti residence permit must be valid for at least 3 months after your intended date of return to Kuwait.

7. Ties to Kuwait

Documents relating to the applicant's financial status and personal ties in Kuwait such as:

- title deeds or lease agreements for property
- business registration
- vehicle registration card
- Civil ID and proof of usual place of residence in Kuwait of family members
- marriage certificate, birth certificate/s of children, etc.
- letter of employment of spouse and/or school/university registration of children

Applicants under the age of 18 (minors)

- Both parents have to sign the Schengen application form of the minor
- copy of both parents' Civil-ID cards and passports
- legalized declaration of consent of both parents if the minor is travelling alone; in case the minor is accompanied by one parent only, a legalized declaration of consent from the parent who is not accompanying is required
- if either one of the parents is absent or deceased this must be proven by a court decision or a death certificate when applicable
- if the legal guardian is someone else than the parent, a custody order must be submitted in order to prove legal guardianship

The visa fee is to be paid upon submission of your application. Your visa file and the visa fee will be forwarded to the German Embassy Kuwait within one working day after submission. The service fee remains with VFS-Global Kuwait.

Processing time for visa applications will take up to 14 days, commencing with the day the file has been delivered to the Embassy. The German Embassy Kuwait and VFS-Global Kuwait are committed to keep the processing time to a minimum. You can track your visa status via VFS Global Kuwait.

Applicants may not apply for permanent residence in Germany while holding this type of visa.

The German Embassy Kuwait reserves the right to ask for additional documents and /or call applicant for an interview at any time.

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Checklist of documents for an Airport Transit Visa for non-Kuwaiti passport holders

- Schengen Visa application form
- Visa fees
- Passport
- Biometric Photo
- Flight ticket and proof of residence
- Ties to Kuwait
- Documents for minors

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