



Applying for a National Visa for

Students (§16b Residence Act) – including preparatory courses

(long term stay for more than 90 days)

The German Embassy Kuwait is the competent mission for your national visa application if your usual place of residence is Kuwait and your main destination is 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 Yemen can also apply for a national Visa at the German Embassy Kuwait.

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

If you do not speak German, English or Arabic, please be accompanied by an Interpreter to your appointment.

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.

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.

Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Please check the relevant information in regards to the country where the document was issued. The German Embassy Kuwait can only legalise Kuwaiti certificates.

Your original documents will be returned to you after having been checked by the Visa Section.

Processing time is ca. 2 weeks but can take longer in individual cases.

Flight reservations are not required to apply for a student visa.

Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

Forged or falsified documents, will result in an immediate refusal of your visa application and a possible entry ban.

List of required documents:

1. National Visa application form

One duly filled (in English or German) and signed application form. Please use the [VIDEX](#) application form for National 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 18 or older is 75,- Euros, for applicants up to the age of 17 is 37,50- Euros. The fee is to be paid in cash in KWD (according to the current Embassy exchange rate) at the Visa Section when applying.

3. Passport

Valid, non-damaged passport

- signed by the passport holder
- issued within the past 10 years
- 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.

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. Proof of residence in Kuwait

Colored copy (front and back) of your valid Kuwaiti Civil ID as well as the Entry Exit report from Kuwait immigration (which can be downloaded in the Sahel App).

6. Letter of Motivation

Letter of Motivation from the applicant him/her-self, stating the reasons for choosing Germany as a place to study as well as the reasons for the specific field of study.

7. Curriculum Vitae

Applicant's Curriculum Vitae, showing academic and if applicable, occupational background.

8. Admission documents

Letter of admission (Zulassungsbescheid) from the academic institution in Germany, stating the language of instruction
and/or

Admission or invitation to an admission test (including the date) for a **preparatory course** (Studienkolleg)

and/or

admission to a **preparatory language course** (studienvorbereitender Sprachkurs)

9. Language Skills

Proof of language skills in the language of instruction for the study course or the preparatory course, in the form of a recognized language certificate (e.g. Goethe Certificate, TOEFL IELTS).

For German: DSH or Test DaF

For English: specific level required by the Academic Institution

Applicants without prior knowledge of the language of instruction:

- Admission to a preparatory language course
- Proof of previous participation in language courses

10. Academic Certificates

High School certificates and if available previous higher educational certificates with transcript of records.

Please check if your certificate/degree is recognized as a university entrance qualification for Germany (via [ANABIN](#)) or if you have to attend a preparatory course.

11. Proof of Finance

In order to study in Germany, you will need to have a minimum of 992,- Euros / month at your disposal. Upon applying for the visa, you will need to present proof of financial means for at the least the first year (11.904,- Euros).

You can proof sufficient financial means by:

- a) **Blocked account** at a German Bank with a blocked amount of 11.904,- Euros per year

or

- b) **Formal obligation** according to §§66-68 AufenthG (Act on the Residence, Economic Activity and Integration of Foreigners in the Federal Territory) for the entire duration of stay, by a person with permanent residence in Germany

or

c) **Scholarship**

In the case of financing in the form of a blocked account: Please open the blocked account in good time before you apply for a visa. When applying for a visa, only the official confirmation of the opening of the account including information on the amount paid in and the amount available per month will be accepted. A confirmation which does not include this information is not sufficient.

12. Accommodation

Please provide information on where you are planning on staying during your studies in Germany. If you did not find an apartment or student accommodation, please provide proof for the first weeks until a permanent residence is found.

13. Health Insurance

If as a student you want to take out statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and after enrolment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to enrolment and registering for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

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 students – including preparatory courses

- National Visa application form
- Visa fees
- Passport
- Biometric Photo
- Proof of residence in Kuwait
- Letter of Motivation
- Curriculum Vitae
- Admission documents
- Language Skills
- Academic Certificates
- Proof of Finance
- Accommodation
- Health Insurance

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