



Applying for a National Visa for

Intensive Language Course (§16f Residence Act)

(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 Syria or 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. Your passport and Civil ID will be returned to you after having been checked by the Visa Section. All other original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.

As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the relevant foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received. Processing time is as a rule ca. 4 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.

6. Letter of Motivation

Letter of Motivation from the applicant him/her-self, stating the reasons for choosing Germany as a place to attend an intensive language course.

7. Curriculum Vitae

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

8. Language Course documents

Letter of registration (Anmeldebescheinigung) for the intensive language course in Germany.

Following information must be stated:

- Language level (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1)
- weekly course hours
- course duration
- Course fees

Should you start at an advanced level, please provide proof of previous language courses and language certificates at the respective levels.

9. Proof of Finance

In order to take part in a language course in Germany, you will need to have a minimum of 1.027,- 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 (12.324,- Euros).

You can proof sufficient financial means by:

- a) **Blocked account** at a German Bank with a blocked amount of 12.324,- 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

Valid as of: June 2024

Checklist of documents for intensive language Courses

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

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