



Information about Language Course Visa

Note: All information is based on findings and experiences of the Embassy at the time of writing. Despite all care, no guarantee can be given for completeness and accuracy.

Kindly note that the Visa Section of the German Embassy in Budapest does not offer consultation over the phone. Address yourself via e-mail to the Embassy.

General Information

Pursuant to § 16 (1) and (5) of the German Residence Act, a foreigner may be granted a residence permit to participate in a language course that does not serve to prepare for studies. However, the foreigner does not have a legal right to this; rather, the granting of a residence permit is a discretionary decision of the German Embassy. A residence permit for a language course that does not serve directly to prepare for studies is valid for a maximum of 12 months. It is not possible to change the purpose of the stay, e.g. stay for study purposes. This means departure is mandatory after completion of the language course.

Documents to be submitted:

- 2 completely filled out visa application forms
- 2 current biometric passport photos (available at the photo booth in the Embassy for 2.000 HUF)
- Valid passport (original + 2 copies of the data card and all pages with entries, visa and stamps) with following requirements:
 - its validity should exceed the duration of intended stay in Germany by at least 3 months
 - it must contain at least 2 blank pages
 - it must have been issued within the previous 10 years
- Hungarian Lakcím (residence) card (original + 2 copies)
- Valid Hungarian residence permit (original + 2 copies)
- Letter of admission issued by the German language school confirming number of lessons per week (2 copies)
- Proof of your educational degrees obtained so far with German or English translation (original + 2 copies)
- Personal CV containing full educational and employment history (2 copies)
- Letter of Motivation in German or English (2 copies)
- Proof of sufficient financial funds, minimum 853,- EUR per month of your intended stay (original + 2 copies), see explanations below
- Proof of health insurance with coverage for Germany (original + 2 copies)
- 75,- EUR payable in cash in HUF. Cash payments in EUR are not accepted.

Requirements for Proof of Sufficient Funds

One of the prerequisites for obtaining a visa for attending a language course is proof of sufficient funds of the language course participant's entire stay in Germany.

For longer-term stays, the following applies: The total contribution for the first year of stay, 10.236 EUR, must be available; for further academic years, credible proof of financing is sufficient. In any case it must

be ensured that you have a minimum monthly amount of 853 EUR available.

When applying for visa, you can provide evidence that you are able to meet your living costs by opening a blocked bank account. You have free choice of provider. Information on providers that offer this service worldwide is available on the [Federal Foreign Office website](#).

Other documents accepted as proof of sufficient funds are:

- Formal letter of obligation of a sponsor residing in Germany pursuant to §§ 66, 68 of the German Residence Act. A formal letter of obligation can usually be obtained at the competent local alien authority or registration office in Germany. The formal letter of obligation must cover the entire duration of the language course.
- Proof of sufficient income and assets of parents to cover the costs during the stay in Germany as well as letters issued by parents that they will pay the maintenance. However, the Embassy can only accept German and Hungarian proofs of salary (a salary sufficient to cover the costs of studying) or German and Hungarian proofs of assets (proof of income, account statement and confirmed bank proof).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Visa applications are accepted by appointment only. For appointments please use our [online appointment system](#) that you find on our website at www.budapest.diplo.de/termin
- Please be informed that in case of incomplete documentation your application cannot be accepted and a new appointment has to be booked.
- Kindly come to the Embassy at least 15 minutes before the beginning of your appointed time-slot and bring the already filled in application forms and all necessary documents mentioned above as original including two copies. If you arrive later than 15 minutes after the beginning of your appointed time or without filled in application forms or documentation, you won't be admitted and have to get a new appointment.

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