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Visa Document Checklists

Student visa · Chancenkarte · Family reunion. Tick each item before you upload or attend your appointment

How to use these checklists

These lists cover the documents most embassies ask for. Your embassy's own checklist always has the final word, so download it and compare. Prepare clear A4 copies, keep originals ready, and sort documents in the embassy's order.

> **TIP**
> Documents that are not in German or English usually need a certified translation. Pakistani civil documents (for example marriage or birth certificates) may need extra verification. Ask the embassy early.

A. Student visa

- [ ] Visa application completed in the Consular Services Portal
- [ ] Valid passport (+ copy of the data page)
- [ ] Biometric passport photos (35 × 45 mm)
- [ ] University admission letter (or uni-assist / conditional admission, if accepted)
- [ ] School and university certificates and transcripts
- [ ] Language certificate (IELTS / TOEFL / German certificate as required)
- [ ] Proof of funds: blocked account €11,904, scholarship letter or Verpflichtungserklärung
- [ ] Health insurance for the start of your stay
- [ ] CV (tabular, signed and dated)
- [ ] Motivation letter explaining your study plan
- [ ] Proof of tuition payment, if your programme charges fees
- [ ] Visa fee: €75

B. Chancenkarte (Opportunity Card)

The Chancenkarte lets you stay in Germany for up to 12 months to look for work. There are two routes: a fully recognised qualification, or the points-based route (at least 6 points).

- [ ] Visa application form, signed
- [ ] Valid passport (+ copy of the data page)
- [ ] Biometric passport photo
- [ ] Health insurance valid in the Schengen area, minimum €30,000 cover
- [ ] Proof of funds, about €1,091 per month in 2026 (blocked account, bank statements, Verpflichtungserklärung or part-time job contract)
- [ ] Degree or vocational qualification with Anabin printout, ZAB statement or recognition notice
- [ ] Detailed CV
- [ ] Visa fee: €75

Points-based route, additionally:

- [ ] ZAB assessment of your degree or qualification
- [ ] German A1 or English B2 certificate (not older than one year)
- [ ] Proof of work experience in your field (last 7 years), if you claim points for it
- [ ] Proof of earlier stays in Germany, if you claim points for it

C. Family reunion (spouse joining a partner in Germany)

- [ ] Visa application and valid passport (+ copies)
- [ ] Biometric passport photos
- [ ] Marriage certificate, translated and verified as the embassy requires
- [ ] German A1 certificate for the joining spouse (exceptions exist, e.g. for some skilled workers' spouses)
- [ ] Copy of the partner's passport and German residence permit
- [ ] Proof of the partner's income or funds
- [ ] Proof of sufficient living space in Germany (rental contract)
- [ ] Health insurance
- [ ] For children: birth certificates and consent of both parents where required

☐ Visa fee: €75 (children under 18 usually pay less, check your embassy)

IMPORTANT

Family reunion rules depend on the partner's residence title. Check the exact requirements with your embassy before you book an appointment.

Need help with your case?

Book a personal consultation with MAKELLE for €50. We check your profile, plan your route and prepare your file with you.

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OFFICIAL SOURCES

- German Missions in Pakistan – pakistan.diplo.de
- Make it in Germany (Chancenkarte) – make-it-in-germany.com
- Anabin – anabin.kmk.org
- Federal Foreign Office – auswaertiges-amt.de

This guide gives general information as of November 2026. Rules and amounts change; always check the official websites listed. It is not legal advice. Visa and admission decisions are made only by embassies, authorities and universities.