

Stay in Germany

Foreigners, with the exception of EU citizens, who would like to come to Germany to live here, e.g. because they have family here, or because they would like to work or study here, need a residence permit to stay in Germany.

For entry into Germany, a visa must usually be applied for at the German embassy before entering the country of origin.

(Positive exceptions currently exist for citizens of the following countries:

Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Republic of Korea)

Entry without a visa is not possible for a longer stay. Residence law stipulates that people who enter Germany without a visa in order to live here must leave again in order to apply for a visa in their country of origin (exceptions see above and for asylum seekers).

Competent Department

- [Aufenthalt](#)
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Basic information

A visa

- for the subsequent immigration of family members "Familiennachzug" - also for the subsequent immigration of families of Germans
- for employment (including training) or
- for study

must be applied for at the German embassy in the country of origin before entering Germany. Further information can be found on the website of the Federal Foreign Office (see "i Where can I find out more").

Exceptions apply only to citizens of the following countries:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, USA, Republic of Korea

The BAMF is responsible for asylum seekers / asylum applications (see under "i Where can I find out more?")

If you have arrived in Bremen as a refugee, please report in person immediately after your arrival to:

Central reception centre for asylum seekers and refugees in the State of Bremen (ZASSt),
Lindenstraße 110, 28755 Bremen.

If you have come to Germany on a 90-day visa or without a required visa and have got into an emergency situation and therefore cannot leave Germany at the moment, the consulate or embassy of your home country is your right contact. If you assume that this emergency situation means that you will have to stay in Bremen for a longer period of time, you must also report to the Migration Office. For this purpose, please send an e-mail and apply for an appointment by stating your reasons: <mailto:abt3hum@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

Procedure

- Applying for a visa to enter Germany: ("Auswärtiges Amt": see "i Where can I find out more?")
- Registration as an asylum seeker / file an asylum application:
Central Reception Office for Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the State of Bremen (ZASSt), Lindenstraße 110, 28755 Bremen
- Contact person in emergency situations: consulate or embassy of your home country
- Residence registration in emergency situations, which justifies a longer stay in Bremen without the necessary visa. Application by e-mail to the Migration Office: <mailto:abt3hum@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

What are the costs?

Information on the visa procedure can be found on the website of the Federal Foreign Office: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de> under the heading Entry and stay / Visa requirements.