

Residency in the context of educational migration

Information especially for refugees from Ukraine without a Ukrainian passport (as of 12.4.2022)

Most nationalities need a national visa before entering Germany. Thus, as an exception, citizens from outside of Europe with regular prior residence in Ukraine do not need a visa to enter Germany. They can stay in Germany without a visa until 31.08.2022. If they wish to remain in Germany, they must apply for a residence permit for the period thereafter by 31st of August 2022. The Foreigners' Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) at your current place of residence is responsible.

It is possible to apply for residence permits in the area of labour migration and educational migration.
(see *info sheet UA_Möglichkeiten_Drittstaatsangehörige.pdf*.)

Important requirements for a residence permit in the context of educational migration are:

- ✓ Securing livelihood without receiving public benefits.
- ✓ certain German language skills: for studying at the university C1, for vocational training B2

The following requirements apply for residence titles in the field of educational migration:

A) For a residency for participation in an **intensive language course** (§ 16f Residence Act) for max. 12 months

- Proof of enrolment in an intensive language course of at least 18 hours per week.
- The language course must be financed.
- Proof of securing a livelihood for the duration of the stay in Germany with 947.10 EUR per month (usually [blocked account](#) or a letter of commitment).
- Search for language courses: [KURSNET - Education simply offered - Login \(arbeitsagentur.de\)](#).
- Counselling by a language course provider is possible.
- Working is not permitted with this residence permit.

B) For a residency to attend **vocational training** (§ 16a Residence Act)

- A training contract is available¹.
- The approval of the Federal Employment Agency (incl. priority check) has been obtained.
- Proof of German language skills B1 (B2 recommended). It is possible to take part in an upstream language course from the language level B1.
- Proof of subsistence support of 832.00 EUR per month (903.00 EUR gross if training allowance is paid).
- Securing livelihood: 10 hours of work per week is permitted with this residency.
- Alternatively, the livelihood can be secured by a blocked account or a declaration of commitment. With this residence title it is not possible to receive social benefits, e.g. housing benefit.

¹ It is the company's decision to hire you for vocational training. Only for a vocational training in a regulated field further requirements are necessary.

Vocational Training in the regulated sector

For training in the regulated sector (e.g. medical professions or educational activities), a recognised school leaving certificate at the level of the intermediate school leaving certificate is usually required. Information on school certificate recognition can be found here: [Anerkennung von Abschlüssen - Schule und Ausbildung](#).

C) Residence permit for **study purposes** (§16b Residence Act)

- The letter of admission from the university is available.
- Proof of German language skills C1 or, in the case of English course, equivalent English language skills.
- Proof of a secured livelihood of 861.00 EUR (usually blocked account). Employment of up to 120 full days or 240 half days per year is possible.
- Information on admission to the university is provided by the university's home page | [uni-assist e.V.](#)

D) Residence permit to **search for a training place or place of study** (§17 Residence Act) for max. 6 months

- Maximum age of 25 years (only if you are looking for a vocational training).
- Proof of a school leaving certificate², which entitles the holder to study at a university in the country of origin.
- Proof of securing a livelihood for the duration of the stay in Germany with 947.10 EUR per month.
- Proof of German language skills B1.
- Potential training positions in Germany: [Job search of the BA - Training](#).

Advice and contact points

The Foreigners' Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) at your current place of residence is responsible for questions regarding a possible residence title.

Counselling by a migration counselling centre or an asylum counselling centre is possible.

Questions on the recognition of academic achievements in the case of studies that have not yet been completed are answered individually by the respective universities.

² Recognition of the school-leaving certificate is not necessary here.

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