



Application for a Working Holiday Visa (WHV)

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Your application can only be rendered in person, after booking an appointment in advance at the Embassy if the application is complete and all documents necessary are attached.

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The Working Holiday Visa Programme is based on a bilateral agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and Australia, Argentina, Israel, New Zealand, Japan, Chile and other countries and aims at enabling young people to gain an insight into the culture and daily life of the Federal Republic of Germany, allowing them to travel to Germany for a stay of up to 12 months. To help finance the stay, jobs can be taken up with different employers of the visa holder's choice. There is no time limit for the employment as long as the maximum total stay of 12 months is respected.

Who can apply and where?

To be eligible to the Working Holiday Visa you must

- be a citizen either of Argentina/Australia/New Zealand/Chile/Israel/Japan/Uruguay
- be between 18 and 30 years old
- not be accompanied by dependent family members during your stay

These nationals may lodge an application at any consular post of the Federal Republic of Germany in any country where they have their residence.

Australian, New Zealand, Israeli and Japanese citizens are encouraged to apply for a residence permit direct at the local immigration authority ('Ausländerbehörde') after entering Germany. But please note: Without a valid working-holiday visa you are not allowed to commence employment.

The following documents are required:

- A duly completed and signed application forms (forms can be downloaded from our website)
<http://www.kopenhagen.diplo.de/contentblob/3773814/Daten/4777782/antragsformularrnationalesvisum.pdf>
- A biometrical passport photos (see separate "photo specification"-sheet on our website)
- A Passport that is valid for at least six months (original plus copy of main page). Only passports that have been issued (not extended) during the past ten years can be endorsed with a visa. If your passport was issued more than ten years ago, please apply for a new one.

- A valid Danish residence permit (original + a photocopy)
- Evidence of health insurance valid in Germany to remain in force through your stay including details about coverage --- at least EUR 30.000 and including costs for medical evacuation/repatriation (original plus a photocopy) You have to present the health insurance for the period of time you have planned to stay in Germany.
- Proof of address of accommodation (e.g. hotel confirmation) during the first week of your stay in Germany
- Proof of sufficient funds to cover your living expenses in Germany during the first 3 months of your stay: bank statement from the last three months (with your full name on it and stamped by the bank - Danish or German bank) with at least EUR 2.000 available fund; if you will have free accommodation in Germany (for example with relatives or friends) for the full first 3 months, the necessary amount would be 250 EUR per month instead - please submit in this case also proof of your free accommodation (invitation letter + passport copy of the inviting person)
- A flight return ticket or evidence of sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket 1500 EUR (original + a photocopy)
- visa fee equivalent of € 75,- (in DKK 560,-- (cash))

What else do I need to know? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Applicants are requested to apply well in advance to the intended date of departure. Application processing may take up to two weeks. This time frame may vary depending on the individual application. The Embassy does not accept responsibility for applications handed in on too short notice. Please apply in person.
- The Working Holiday Visa includes the Work Permit for Germany.
- There is no guarantee that a visa will be issued and we wish to point out that it is at the discretion of the Embassy always to request additional documents at any time while processing the visa.
- Upon arrival in Germany border authorities may assess whether the prerequisites to enter Germany are still applicable. This assessment is international practice. You might be refused entry although you are holding a valid visa. In order to facilitate admission formalities and avoid unnecessary delays we strongly recommend that you keep documents providing evidence about the nature of your stay on you particularly proof of sufficient funds and medical insurance.
- Once you have obtained your visa please check carefully that all entries are correct and in accordance with your application. Please inform the Visa Section immediately of any errors made.

How and where to find a holiday job in Germany?

You may obtain information on job availability from every local labour office (Agentur für Arbeit). However, this office can only be of assistance if you intend to work for the same employer at least several weeks. Or else you are advised to directly contact potential employers. For general information on employment in Germany please contact:

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