

National visa

Au Pair

General Information

All applicants who wish to seek gainful employment (it is only possible to apply for it if you have a concrete job offer or contract) in Germany are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa. This residence permit must be issued before entering the country.

- Detailed information including requirements can be found [here](#).
- Processing the visa application takes up to 12 weeks upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon positive recommendation by the competent authorities in Germany. The applicant will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required processing period has not yet passed.
- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa. A final residence permit for the whole duration of the stay will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.
- It is recommended that no flight ticket is purchased until a visa has been granted!
- Foreign documents issued in other languages than English or German have to be submitted with an official translation.
- Please note that foreign certificates must be recognized legally for Germany. Therefore, Bahraini certificates need a so-called "Apostille". Please see our [website](#) for further information.
- The German Embassy Manama reserves the right to request further documents.

Applicants must be between 18 and 26 years old when applying for the visa.

The duration of the au pair employment is a minimum of six months and a maximum of one year. An extension is not possible.

If there is a **family relationship** between the host family and the applicant, the requirements for an au pair stay are generally not met.

German should be the main family language in the host family.

A fact sheet issued by the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) can be downloaded [here](#).

| Visa Application Checklist | |
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| Unless otherwise specified, the documents must be submitted in a single copy (originals with one copy). Originals will be returned after the application has been processed at the latest. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One (1) fully completed and signed application form including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declarations according to § 54 (2) no. 8 in conjunction with § 53 of the German Residence Act, duly signed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two (2) current biometric passport photos. Digitally processed photos cannot be accepted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Original passport (or travel document) valid for at least 3 months longer than the intended stay. It must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Provide a copy of the passport data page and if applicable previous visas within the last three (3) years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CV in English or German |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Detailed motivation letter in English or German |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contract with the au pair family in German with the full names of host parents and with information about the start and duration of the contract, pocket money, working hours and health and accident insurance. The contract must be signed by the host parents and the au pair. If the contract was not concluded through an agency with the RAL quality mark, a copy of the data page of the passports or identity cards of the host parents must also be submitted. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed and signed questionnaire (download here) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current registration certificate of the host family in Germany. The registration certificate must not be older than 6 months and must list all persons living in the household (including children) with their date of birth. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of previous education (e.g. school leaving certificates, vocational training certificates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of language skills at least at level A1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of adequate health insurance cover |
| Fee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar |
| Completeness of application | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking. |