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Germany Transit Visa

If you are traveling to the United States in an airline such as Lufthansa, Delta Airlines etc, there will be a stop in Frankfurt, Germany (Sometimes also for Air India).

Please note that an airport transit visa only allows a short stay in the international transit area, neither leaving the airport's international transit area nor overnight stays are possible.

Airport transit visas are only good for short stopovers while you are waiting a few hours for your onward flight in the airport's international transit area. However, hotel accommodation is only available outside the transit area.

Please apply for a regular tourist visa if you want to stay at the airport overnight.

Who needs a Transit Visa?

The vast majority of travelers do not need a visa when air transiting through Germany. However, citizens of some countries do need an airport transit visa.

Citizens of the following countries are required to have airport transit visa when they are passing through the international transit area of airports in Germany:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan * (see below), Lebanon, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria and Turkey.

However, the citizens of the above listed countries do not require a transit visa if any of the below are true:

If they hold a valid, unexpired visa to the USA, Japan, Canada or Schengen visa.

If they return to the country of their citizenship after a legal stay in the U.S., as long as the return occurs within latest four days after expiration of the validity of the visa.

If they hold one of the following residence permits:

Form I-551 permanent resident card (valid for 2 to 10 years),

Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (valid for 2 to 10 years),

Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (no expiry date),

Form I-327 Re-entry document (valid for two years – issued to holder of a I-551),

Resident alien card (valid for 2 to 10 years or no expiry date. This document guarantees the holder's return only if his stay outside the USA has not exceeded one year),

Permit to re-enter (valid for two years. This document guarantees the holder's return only if his stay outside the USA has not exceeded two years),

Valid temporary residence stamp in a valid passport (valid for one year from the date of issue).

A specific residence permit allowing unrestricted return for Andorra, Japan, Monaco, Canada or San Marino.

Jordan citizens

Jordan citizens are exempt from an airport transit visa if

If they hold a valid visa for Australia, Israel or New Zealand and hold a valid boarding pass or ticket for one of these countries.

If they, after a legal stay in one of the above-mentioned countries, are traveling, back to Jordan and are in possession of a valid boarding pass or ticket to Jordan.

In either of the above cases, the connecting flight must be leaving within 12 hours after arriving in Germany from the same airport in whose transit section the traveler has been waiting.

If you are still in doubt whether you need an airport transit visa, do not hesitate to call the German mission which serves your place of residence.

Although this information has been prepared with utmost care, we cannot accept any responsibility for inaccuracies contained herein.

Special regulations for official passport holders may apply, please call the consulate.

If your country is not mentioned, you do not need a transit visa.

Required Documents to Apply for an Airport Transit Visa in Germany

To get an Airport Transit Visa you will need some specific documents. Compared to the other types of visas, there is a slightly lower number of documents required for this one. To apply for a transit Germany visa you will need the following documents:

- Complete application form (in English or German only) & declarations duly signed
- 2 passport photographs (there are strict requirements, see our page about photo requirements for more info)
- Valid passport for at least three more months beyond the date of you are transiting through Germany, and no older than ten years. It must have at least one blank page in order to be able to affix the visa sticker. It also must be undamaged.
- 1 copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy)
- Confirmed airline ticket to final destination and one copy
- Declaration of Accuracy of Information
- Copy of the valid visa / residence permit for your final destination, if applicable
- Your driver's license and/or utility bill in your name as proof of residence in the consular where you plan to apply
- If employed letter by your employer confirming your employment, the beginning of your employment, your monthly salary, the beginning of vacation and resumption of work. Original letter signed with blue ink.

- If self-employed: Biz-File issued by ACRA
- If student: university letter. Original letter signed with blue ink.
- If dependent spouse without own income: letter by your spouse's employer confirming the employment, beginning of employment and monthly salary and marriage certificate
- If minor child: birth certificate, school letter and marriage certificate of parents (originals with one copy).
- Both parents have to sign the application form personally at the Embassy!

You will also need to submit photocopies of all these document and pay the visa fee. Remember that the embassy where you are applying has the right to require extra documents from you. Take care to submit all of them on time in order to be able to obtain the visa.

Where to apply?

You will have to apply at the Germany visa application center, embassy or consulate in your country of residence. Usually the process for a Transit Visa lasts around five working days at most. Do not submit your application earlier than three months before your planned date of transiting through Germany.

Do not forget to pay the visa fee and save the receipt to present alongside the other documents, since without proof that the fee has been paid; your application will not be processed.

Germany Airport Transit Visa Fee

Just as for every other type of visa, when applying for an Airport Visa, the candidate will have to pay a fee in order for their application to get processed.

For now, the fee is 60 euros; however, it may change within this year to 80 euros due to the new visa code endorsed by the EU ambassadors recently.

Sources:

www.germany-visa.org

www.immihelp.com