



## Schengen Visa for Visit

If you intend to stay in Germany for up to 90 days within a period of 180 days you have to apply for a **Schengen visa**.

**Israeli citizens** in possession of a valid Israeli passport (on the planned date of departure from Germany, your passport should have at least another three months validity) do not need a visa for airport transit, visits, tourist or business trips (for stays up to 90 days).

**Citizens of other countries** residing in Israel might need a visa in order to enter Germany. Please check our country list if you are not sure whether you need a visa or not: [Do I need a visa?](#)

Schengen visa applications for Germany are handled by the service provider **VFS Global**. You need to submit your Schengen visa application at the VFS Global office. Please schedule a free appointment online on the internet page of VFS Global: <http://www.vfsglobal.com/germany/israel/>

**VFS Global** is the only official partner of the German Embassy in Tel Aviv.

<b>Documents you have to provide</b>	
<b>Schengen visa application form</b>	Please fill out the Schengen visa application form online: <a href="https://videx.diplo.de">https://videx.diplo.de</a>  This page has different language versions. (English, Arabic, Russian) Please print out the Videx application form together with the barcode, sign it and submit it together with the other documents at the VFS Global office. Please use the Videx assistant tool if you don't know how to fill out the fields in Videx correctly.
<b>1 biometric passport picture</b>	The passport picture must be biometric. It should not be older than 6 months. The size must be 35 x 45 mm.
<b>Valid passport (or Israeli Travel Document) +1 copy</b>	The passport must be signed, must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the past 10 years. The validity of the passport must exceed the duration of the intended stay in Germany by at least 3 months.
<b>Health insurance +1 copy</b>	A travel health insurance covering at least 30.000 Euro, valid for all Schengen countries, including medical treatment, medical evacuation and medical repatriation back into Israel as well as repatriation of mortal remains.
<b>Evidence of your current employment and salary slips of the last 3 months</b>	<u>For employees:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Letter of your employer confirming your employment (position, duration of employment, salary)</li><li>- Salary slips of the last 3 months + one copy</li></ul> <u>For self-employed:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Business license and proof of average net income (issued by your accountant)</li></ul>



	<p><u>For pupils/students:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- School or university confirmation</li></ul> <p><u>For pensioners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pension confirmation letter</li></ul>
<b>Bank account statement</b>	Recent bank account statement for the last three months
<b>Previous visa</b>	Copies of previous visa from other Schengen member states, US, Canada or Great Britain
<b>Israeli residence permit/ re-entry visa</b>	<p>Copy of Israeli residence permit with a re-entry permit.</p> <p>Please contact "Misrad Hapnim" in order to apply for a re-entry visa for Israel if your residence permit doesn't include it.</p>
<b>Evidence of marriage</b>	In case you are married with an Israeli citizen: Original ID of your spouse + 1 copy and your original „sefah“ + 1 copy.
<b>Invitation from Germany</b>	<p>Recently signed invitation letter from your host (relatives/ friends) with a copy of both sides of the German ID/ "Personalausweis" or the passport including the residence permit.</p> <p><b>or:</b></p> <p>An official formal sponsorship letter, a so called "Verpflichtungserklärung" (to be obtained at the Alien's Authority in Germany) + copy of both sides</p>
<b>Flight reservation/ itinerary</b>	<p>A flight reservation is sufficient.</p> <p>Please book a flight ticket only after obtaining the visa. The flight reservation must bear the name of the passenger.</p>
<b>Please note</b>	<p>If you are financially supported by your spouse / other family member (you don't work yourself), please also provide a copy of the passport data page, the bank statements and a working certificate of your spouse/family member who supports you.</p> <p>Additionally, the person paying for your trip has to sign a letter stating that he/ she will sponsor you.</p>
<b>Minors (under 18 years of age)</b>	
<b>Evidence of custody of the minor</b>	<p>Original birth certificate of your child + 1 copy and original passports from both parents + 1 copy each</p> <p><b>OR:</b></p> <p>Original Israeli ID with attachment/ „sefah“ of both of the parents + 1 copy each</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For each child you need to fill out a separate application form.</li><li>• The visa application must be signed by both parents unless one parent has the sole custody or a residence order for the minor. In this case please provide a proof of the sole custody. (original + 1 copy ,e.g. adoption papers, court decision on custody)</li></ul>	



- In case both legal guardians are unable to appear at the VFS office, the minor child has to provide a notarized letter of travel consent issued by the parents with notarized signatures and passport copies.

The regular processing time of a visa application is **about ten working days**, depending on the purpose of the trip and the nationality of the applicant. Passports are returned to VFS Global twice a week. **The visa fee** of 80.- Euro has to be paid in NIS in cash. Please ensure that your application documents are complete. Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application. In individual cases you may be required to provide additional information. For further questions that are not answered by this information sheet please contact the German Embassy or VFS by email.