



Information on national, long-term visa

This information leaflet has been generated by the German Consulate in Dubai. The Consulate is responsible for visa applications of those applicants who reside in the United Arab Emirates. The application form can be downloaded free of charge, on www.uae.diplo.de, or www.vfsglobal.com/germany/UAE/

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

If you plan to **live** longer than 90 days in Germany, you are requested to apply for a national, long-term visa (category D). The Consulate processes long-term visa applications in cooperation with the aliens authority (“Ausländerbehörde”) of the city of your destination, as well with the labours office. In order to grant the visa, the approval by the German authorities(is mandatory).

Hence, the processing time of your visa application can vary between 6 to 12 weeks, or go even faster for certain cases.

Applicants are requested to apply in good time before their intended date of travel.

A national, long-term visa will be accorded for the specific purpose of residence (e.g. Study, Family Reunion) for a period of 90 days. After entering the Federal Republic of Germany, you are requested to report immediately to the aliens authority (“Ausländerbehörde”) of the city of your destination in order to request the issuance of your final resident permit.

A national, long-term visa allows you to stay in Germany and to travel freely within all member states of the Schengen Treaty (including airport transit), while you live in Germany.

II. WHERE TO APPLY: EMBASSY OR CONSULATE?

The Consulate General in Dubai is the only German mission in the United Arab Emirates offering consular services . This means that the consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General in Dubai will be extended to the whole territory of the UAE, including the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The Embassy in Abu Dhabi will no longer be open to the public for consular questions. All national visa applications have to personally be lodged at the German Consulate in Dubai, after prior appointment.

III. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

All information leaflets can be found on our website www.dubai.diplo.de or www.vfsglobal-de-ae.com, which covers several categories:

- **Employment**
- **Self-Employment**
- **Specialty Cooks**
- **Study**
- Information about Student Blocked Accounts and Formal Obligation Letter
- **Family Reunion**
- German Language Requirements
- Recognition of Foreign Documents
- Health Insurance in Germany

In case that the above information leaflet do not answer all you questions, please submit your detailed question via e-mail:

- Consulate in Dubai: visa@duba.diplo.de

Kindly note that queries regarding information which is already mentioned on our website cannot be entertained. Status updates for long term visa application will only receive a reply once 10 weeks have passed by, from the date that all documents were handed in. The visa section will contact you directly once a decision is taken.

Note further that the requested documents in the leaflets may not be sufficient. Every application is treated as a separate case and consequently sometimes additional information needed during the processing period.

All applications must be filled out in German or English. **Documents in other languages, including Arabic ones, must be translated into German/English and need to be submitted in original along with the translation.** If the visa application is incomplete, the application will be returned to you free of charge and you will need to make a new appointment. Take in consideration that appointments may not be available on the very next day, and require an additional waiting time.

Applicants under the age of 18 years need to present a signed form "Letter of consent" needs to be attached including passport copies of parents/ legal guardian.

IV. HOW TO APPLY

As a rule, **all applicants have to apply in the Visa Section by appointment only.** Applicants need to apply in person and with their passport and all relevant documents (please see information leaflets). If your application is incomplete, your visa application will be returned to you and you will need to arrange for a new appointment in order to apply. The Consulate cannot be held responsible if you fail to apply well in advance, and your travel date is coming close even though your application is still being processed.

Every applicant needs to arrange an appointment separately through our external service provider "VFS Global" via

- phone: (+971 0)4-2055666 or
- E-Mail: Germany.longstay@vfshelpline.com
- Following details will be required to schedule the appointment:
- name of the applicant
- passport number
- purpose of travel
- contact number
- E-Mail address

The appointment letter will be emailed to you once the appointment is confirmed.

Applicants who come late to their appointment by more than 15 min, will not be permitted to enter the visa section and are required to book a new appointment.

Please book your appointment well in advance, and use the waiting time to get all the documents together. If you realize that your documents might not be available until the date of application you can reschedule your appointment.

V. FEES

Regular visa fees are to paid in UAE Dirham (AED), only exact amount in cash will be accepted.

Current exchange rate of the Consulate applies.

National, long-term visa (category D): 75,00 Euro

Children up to 18 years (category D): 37,50 Euro

Please note that depending on your nationality and your passport the visa fees might vary. You will be informed at the counter if that is applicable to you.

VI. TIPPS (HOW TO SAVE TIME AND MONEY)

Is it possible to submit the application through mail, an agent or your VFS service center?

All applicants have to come in person, since the identity needs to be verified and biometric data has to be collected. Long term visa applicants have to visit the German Consulate according to their appointment, allotted by VFS.

How can I prepare myself for the appointment, interview and submittal of application?

Book your appointment as soon as you know of your plans and the month of your planned settlement in Germany. Book your appointment in advance and **while waiting for the appointment date to come, ensure to collect all necessary documents as per the checklist.** Make sure to have filled out your application form correctly. Make enough copies in order

to have 1 x set of originals and 2 x sets of copies. Sort your application according to the checklist/information leaflet. If you see that a document is missing get in touch with the visa section. Please come on time on the day of your appointment.

Can a Schengen visa be extended or transferred to a residence permit?

A tourist visa is issued for a maximum period of three months and cannot be extended.

The visa has to be applied for by the traveler personally at the German Foreign Mission abroad, which is responsible for the place of residence and cannot be extended in Germany, nor converted into a residence permit.

I have not received the original formal obligation letter (Verpflichtungserklärung) or admission letter, can I hand in my application nevertheless?

All documents have to be shown in original, at the time of application. Documents presented in copy cannot be accepted and your application will be considered as incomplete. Copies of admission letters might be accepted, however the original has to be produced at a later stage.

Do I need to take anything in consideration, when it comes to official certificates (birth, marriage, death, divorce,...)?

Documents from certain countries might have to be legalized before they are recognized by the German authorities. You will find more information on the website of the German Foreign Mission in your native country. Additional charges for the legalization process or verification of documents might apply. Please check our separate leaflet.

My visa has been issued by the German Consulate, could I use this visa to make a side trip to other European countries (for example to France or Austria)?

Yes you can. A long term visa entitles you to travel outside of Germany and within the Schengen Agreement, for a period of up to three months, as long as you maintain your residence in Germany. However your passport might not be recognized by all countries, and hence limits the countries.

Why am I required to have health insurance coverage for Germany?

Imagine you have an accident during your stay in Germany. Please check carefully whether your medical insurance will also cover costs for medical treatment abroad. If yours does not, you need to submit a health insurance covering your stay in Europe when applying for the visa.

My spouse is a German or EU national. We both plan to establish a joint residence in Germany. Do I get a German work permit immediately after we move to Germany?

Yes, you do. The residence permit will be issued by the Aliens' Office after your arrival in Germany. It will include a permit to work.

Where is the German Consulate in Dubai located?

German Consulate General
Passport- and Visa section (separate entrance)
Jumeirah I, Street 8 A (behind the *former* Dubai Zoo)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates