

Information on the residence status/visa for Erasmus students at Saarland University

1. Non-EU nationals from non-EU countries:

After receiving the admission letter for your Erasmus stay, you should apply for a student visa with the German mission. Please see the requirements and restrictions below.

Special regulations for students from UK (UK nationals only!)

The residence permit may also be applied for in Germany within 90 days of entering the country. The same requirements and restrictions apply as for the visa application from abroad! Please see the requirements and restrictions below.

2. Non-EU nationals with a student visa for EU member state other than Germany:

After receiving the admission letter for your Erasmus stay, you should apply for a student visa with the German mission. Please see the requirements and restrictions below.

OR

The residence permit may also be applied for in Germany within 90 days of entering the country. The same requirements and restrictions apply as for the visa application from abroad! Please see the requirements and restrictions below.

OR

Apply for REST directive: The REST directive allows students who are enrolled at a university within the EU and have a valid student residence permit there, to study in another EU member state for up to 360 days. The application must be completed at the latest 30 days before the start of the mobility, and it is only possible if the student residence permit is at least valid for the duration of the stay! The application must be done through the hosting university (welcome@uni-saarland.de).

REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS

All of the options above require proof of sufficient funds!

To obtain a residence permit or visa for studies, students must provide proof of sufficient funds to cover their living expenses. There are various ways of proving adequate funds:

- Blocked account: Sufficient funds must be deposited into the blocked account to cover the costs of daily living in Germany (unless other proof of funds is also provided). The blocked account is usually set up for one year, unless your planned stay is shorter*.
- Scholarship: If the amount of the scholarship is less than the minimum amount for the blocked account, the remaining amount must be paid into a blocked account*.
- Employment contract: The contract must contain duration, amount of salary and hours** of employment. If the salary is less than the minimum amount for the blocked account, the remaining amount must be paid into a blocked account*.
- Declaration of commitment ("Verpflichtungserklärung"): Guarantee by a person who has a long-term residence in Germany and has sufficient income to secure their own as well as the applicant's livelihood.

*Oktober 2024: 11,904 EUR/annually – 992 EUR/monthly

**Working with student visa: 140 full days or 280 half days per year

If you have any further questions, please contact our Welcome Center: welcome@uni-saarland.de