



Airport Transit Visa

If you fly via Germany to get to your final destination, you might need an airport transit visa. The vast majority of travelers do not need a visa when air transiting through Germany. Entry clearance requirements depend on the citizenship and the resident status of the applicant.

Please note that an airport transit visa **only** allows a short **stay in the international transit area**.

Airport transit privilege **does not apply** and you will need a regular Schengen visa, if:

- ! You have to pick up your baggage and/or have to check in again (please verify with your air-line)
- ! You have to pass passport control (please verify with your airline)
- ! You are transiting through two or more airports in Germany or other Schengen countries (for example: Bucharest – München – Frankfurt - Destination)
- ! You hold an open ticket

The processing of an application for an Airport Transit visa takes approximately **two weeks**.

The visa application can be submitted at the **earliest 3 months prior** to the planned trip.

You have to submit your application **in person**. All documents need to be presented in **original as well as a clear photocopy** of all documents. Any documents which are not in German/English have to be translated.

Before submitting your application, please prepare all of the following documentation **in the given order**. **Please add the completed list to your application!**
Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid passport issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after transiting through the Schengen area, with at least two empty pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Application form fully completed, duly signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Biometric picture, not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form). Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your passport's data page
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your resident permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight reservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the valid visa / residence permit of your final destination (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> For Minors , additional papers:
<input type="checkbox"/> birth certificate with parental information, original and official translation into German or English, if applicable (must be certified by a notary public if parent is not present at the interview) – plus one copy each
<input type="checkbox"/> consent letter signed by one/both parents (signature must be certified by a

notary public if parent is not present at the interview)

- application form signed by both parents
- passport copies of both parents
- Visa fee 80 Euro – payable only in lei – cash or card (Visa, Master)

Please note that the German Consulate reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. *Submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.*