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## Information for Visa applicants for researcher

All Bangladeshi nationals who intend to work in the Federal Republic of Germany require a visa prior to their departure.

An application may only be filed at the German Embassy Dhaka under the provision that the applicant has a permanent residence in the area of jurisdiction of this Embassy.

### Application

Please note that visa applicants for Researcher visa in accordance with § 18d AufenthG may book an appointment on our [website](#). Please note that if you are solely a PHD student without a hosting agreement you have to apply as a student via the [Consular Service Portal](#).

Admission to the Visa Section of the German Embassy will only be granted at the time of the scheduled appointment. Being late for more than 15 minutes will consequently result in scheduling a new appointment.

The visa application must be supported by all the necessary documents as only applications with complete documentation can be accepted.

Simultaneous applications for a Schengen visa and a national visa cannot be processed.

### Fees

Visa fees are payable in BDT. The fees are fixed in Euro (please refer to the separate information sheet – therefore the equivalent in Bangladeshi currency may vary according to the exchange rate.

The complete fee has to be paid upon application and will not be refunded in case the visa application is rejected.

However, should you have been granted a stipend you might be exempted from paying the visa fee.

### Processing Time

The minimum time to process your visa is approx. 3 weeks.

Please apply for your visa in due time.

### Checklist

Before submitting your application, please prepare the documents in the following order:

- Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years; passports with observations on the front data page cannot be accepted) with at least two empty pages
- 1 passport photo complying with biometric specifications, not older than 6 months



- [Application form](#) & [declaration](#) duly signed
- Copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy)
- signed hosting agreement (Aufnahmevereinbarung)
- proof of previous studies in relevant area
- Curriculum vitae
- Certificate about compulsory health insurance
  - Please note: If not already included in the compulsory health insurance, a separate travel health insurance has to be presented for the time from arrival in Germany until beginning of employment.
- Visa fee

Missing documents may be handed in after the application has been filed with the Embassy. They are to be sent by e-mail, mail or handed in in person at the Embassy's gate. The five-digit file number of the application must be indicated on the envelope.

**Failure to produce any of the documents above or further documents required within a set period of time is likely to lead to refusal of the application. Deadlines set may be extended after consultation with the officer in charge.**

All photocopies must be fully legible and will be refused in case they are not.

**It is expected that an applicant is reachable through the cell phone number and email address provided on the application form.**

All documents in Bengali (or other language) have to be supported by an English or German translation.

Please do not submit documents in both English and German. Preferable submit the German version of the document.

Please note that the German Missions reserve the right to ask for additional documents or the verification of certificates, for which additional fees would be charged.

Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

**The regulations have been issued by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and are subject to change without prior notice.**

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