

## Visa application preparation and checklist Opportunity Card

Section 20a Residence Act

When applying, you must present **all documents** mentioned on the checklist. Please make sure to present **originals** and prepare all documents as described in the following. In addition, you must present **one complete set of copies**.

## How to prepare your documents

<u>To 1):</u> The application form must be duly **completed and signed by you**. The form can be found <u>HERE</u>. Your biometric passport photo must not be older than **six months.** It must be **glued (not stapled)** on the application form's first page in the top right-hand corner.

<u>To 2):</u> Your passport must be in duly condition and contain your **signature**. It must have at least **two empty pages** for the visa sticker and a **validity of at least one year**.

<u>To 4):</u> The application declarations must be duly **read and signed by you**. The declarations can be found HERE.

<u>To 9):</u> You may receive a different number of points depending on your level of knowledge in the English or German language. Your certificates must be issued by a recognized institute such as TOEFL or the Goethe Institute. Further information can be found <u>HERE</u>.

<u>To 10):</u> In order to proof sufficient financial means for your living expenses during your stay in Germany, please provide a **blocked account confirmation in the amount of €1,027 (as for 2024) per month of stay** (e.g. €3,081 for a three month stay, €6,162 for a six month stay). Alternatively, you might provide a formal **Declaration of Commitment ("Verpflichtungserklärung")** according to Section 68 Residence Act by a sponsor who is living in Germany. This means, the Declaration of Commitment must be **issued by a German Foreigners Authority**.

<u>To 11):</u> Your university degrees and final transcripts of record, **BOTH** must be **attested by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC).** Further information can be found <u>HERE</u>.

To 12): In order to proof your university degree's recognition, you must provide **TWO** anabin database printouts: The first one concerning your university degree (classified as "entspricht", "gleichwertig" or "vergleichbar") and the second one concerning your rewarding university (classified as "H+"). Further information and a guide how to use the anabin database can be found HERE. Only if your degree and/or rewarding university is not classified as mentioned before, you must provide a **Statement of Comparability** by the German Central Office of Foreign Education instead. Further information can be found HERE.

<u>To 13)</u>: Only if you seek jobs in a regulated profession, you must provide a practice license granted by the competent German authority. Further information and a tool to find out whether your profession is regulated can be found <u>HERE</u>.

<u>To 14)</u>: <u>Only if applicable</u>: If you have previously stayed in Germany for more than six months (not for the purposes of tourism or visits) then you can receive one point.



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Docu	uments (in the original and one set of copies)	Missing
0)	Printout of this checklist	
1)	<b>Application form</b> (completed and signed by you, glued (not stapled) passport photo)	
2)	Passport copy (copy of your recent passport's first three pages)	
3)	ID card copy (copy of your recent ID card's frontside and backside)	
4)	Application declarations (read and signed by you)	
5)	Printout of your appointment confirmation e-mail	
6)	Only if applicable: Written explanation for past visa refusals	
7)	Educational/academic/professional Curriculum Vitae	
8)	Only if applicable: Proof of previous professional experience	
9)	Language certificates (English and/or German)	
10)	Proof of sufficient financial means for living expenses	
	☐ blocked account confirmation	
	☐ <b>Declaration of Commitment</b> ("Verpflichtungserklärung") by a sponsor in Germany (Section 68 Residence Act)	
11)	University degrees including final transcripts of record (BOTH attested by the	HEC)
12)	Proof of your university degrees' recognition	
	$\square$ two <b>anabin database</b> printouts (concerning degree <b>and</b> rewarding university	· -
	☐ Statement of Comparabilty by the German Central Office for Foreign Educa	tion
13)	Only if applicable: Practice license by the competent German authority	
14)	Only if applicable: Proof of previous stays in Germany (residence permits)	
15)	Others:	
Visa Fee in the amount of 75 EUR, to be paid in PKR		
Completeness of application		
My application is		
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	incomplete. The documents indicated above are lacking and will	
	be submitted to the e-mail address missing.documents@isla.diplo.de	ME   SCAN   STAN   STAN
	mentioning my file number in the e-mail's subject line.	
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