

Working Holiday **Germany**

Complete Guide: Universal and Nationality-Specific Information

Universal Information

Key aspects applicable to all visa applicants, regardless of their country of origin.

General Requirements



No Medical Exams

No medical certificate or clinical analysis is required to apply for the official visa.



No Extensions

The Working Holiday in Germany has a strict legal stay limit of **12 months** (with very few exceptions).



Continuous Quotas

For most countries, quotas last all year. The real logistical challenge is securing the prior appointment (RK-Termin).

International Health Insurance

It is an indispensable and absolutely mandatory requirement for visa approval.

-  **Minimum Coverage:** Must ensure a minimum international coverage of 30,000€ for the entire Schengen area.
-  **Repatriation and Accidents:** Must expressly include repatriation of remains, as well as cover accidents and unforeseen illnesses.
-  **Official Language:** The certificate issued by your insurance company must be written in **English or German** obligatorily.
-  **Continuous Validity:** The policy must cover the exact 12-month period, starting from your estimated date of arrival in Germany.



Can I study during my stay?



Main Purpose

The Working Holiday in Germany is legally and primarily designed to **vacation and work** temporarily. It is not a student visa.



Secondary Activity

Studying is allowed as long as it is a secondary activity. For example, **language courses**, seminars, or short-term training are permitted.



Time Limit

These trainings or complementary studies are strictly limited to a maximum duration of **4 to 6 months** (depending on nationality).

Process, Times, and Language



Hybrid Process

The process combines a digital phase (data entry in the VIDEX portal) with a **mandatory in-person appointment** at the embassy. Some nationalities (e.g., Aus, Can, Jap, NZ) can apply directly while already in Germany.



Approval Times

Response times from the embassy can vary significantly. They range from fast processes of **6 to 10 business days** (e.g., Argentina) to delays of **3 to 4 weeks** (e.g., Brazil or Canada).



Language Exam?

It is not mandatory. You do not need to officially certify your German or English level for the visa to be approved. However, having basic language skills is highly recommended for job insertion.

Nationality Requirements

Know the age limits, management costs, and specific documents that vary according to your passport.

Country Comparison

| Country / Nationality | Age Range | Visa Fee | Criminal Records |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------------------|
| Argentina | 18 to 30 years | 75€ | Yes (Not apostilled) |
| Australia | 18 to 30 years | 75€ | Not required |
| Brazil | 18 to 30 years | 75€ | Yes (Not apostilled) |
| Canada | 18 to 35 years | 75€ | Not required |
| Chile | 18 to 30 years | 75€ | Not required |
| South Korea | 18 to 34 years | 75€ | Not required |
| Japan | 18 to 30 years | 0€ | Not required |
| New Zealand | 18 to 30 years | 75€ | Not required |
| Uruguay | 18 to 30 years | 75€ | Yes (Apostilled) |

Application Calendar and Quotas

∞ Unlimited Quotas

Opening: January 1st (Direct application)

Nationalities: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, and Uruguay.

Lacking an annual issuance limit, applications remain open and guaranteed continuously throughout the year.

⌚ Limited Quotas

Opening: January 1st (Until stock lasts)

Nationalities: Brazil (Maximum limit of 1,000 annual quotas).

Visas are granted on a first-come, first-served basis. The risk of exhausting availability increases considerably towards the end of the calendar year (October - December).



Expert Tip

The real bottleneck for your Working Holiday is **NOT** the quotas themselves, but managing to get an appointment in the online booking system (RK-Termin). These appointments are highly sought after, make sure to search and book yours several months in advance!

Documentation Checklist

Universal Documents

Mandatory for all nationalities:

- ✓ **Passport and Photos:** Valid passport and biometric photos (35x45mm).
- ✓ **VIDEX Form:** Completed online and duly signed.
- ✓ **Health Insurance:** Valid certificate (30,000€ coverage).
- ✓ **Funds:** Proof of Funds demonstration.
- ✓ **Profile:** Curriculum Vitae and Motivation Letter.

Variable Documents

Required depending on country of origin or application location:

- ⚠ **Criminal Records:** Required for countries like Argentina, Uruguay, or Brazil.
- ⚠ **Flight and Accommodation:** Flight reservation (or funds) and demonstrable initial lodging.
- ⚠ **Travel Plan:** Required for Japan and South Korea.
- ⚠ **Anmeldung:** Address registration, indispensable if applying while already in Germany.

Limit with a Single Employer

12

Months (Max)

Maximum continuous time allowed working with the same employer for applicants from **Australia, Japan, and Canada.**

6

Months (Max)

Strict labor limit established with a single employer for citizens of **Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil.**

Proof of Funds

-  The amount required by the embassy ranges between €2000 and €2500 depending on the country, plus verifiable funds for the return ticket.
-  You must present original **bank statements** from the last 3 months, preferably signed and stamped by your banking institution.
-  Official documents (like insurance or criminal records) always require **translation**, but bank statements are usually accepted in the local language.
-  It is additionally required to present a demonstrable and legitimate **accommodation booking** to cover the first days of arrival.



Top 4 Destinations in Germany

Discover the main cities to settle in and make the most of your experience.



Berlin

Multicultural capital, vibrant nightlife, and a huge startup development scene.



Munich

Deep Bavarian tradition, excellent quality of life, and enormous proximity to the Alps.



Hamburg

Highly dynamic port city, beautiful canals, and a strong commercial economy.



Cologne

Famous for its imposing cathedral, friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and very festive spirit.

Questions?

Start your application with all the necessary information.

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