

Visa to work as an au-pair (Section 19 para 1 Residence Act)

General information

Persons between the ages of 18 and 27 can be granted a visa to work as an au-pair for a period of at least six months and not longer than twelve months.

The aim of au-pair stays is to improve language skills and broaden horizons by getting to know the host country. Only one au-pair stay in Germany is possible. For more detailed information, please visit the following [website](#).

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. Please make sure to prepare **two complete sets** of the following documents **collated in the order listed below** and bring them to your appointment. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.

- Two (2) fully completed and signed [applications](#) including [declarations](#) pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- Two (2) recent biometric passport photos ([see specimen photos](#))
- Valid and personally signed passport – issued within the last 10 years, with at least 2 blank (visa) pages
- Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
- Residence permit in the U.S., e.g. Visa, Green Card, U.S. passport
- Proof of address, e.g. valid driver's license, utility bill, lease
- Signed au-pair contract based on the specimen [contract](#) published by the Federal Employment Agency (original and two (2) copies) A printout or fax copy will be accepted if the au-pair post was offered through an agency with RAL Gütezeichen (Quality Mark)
- Personally drafted complete curriculum vitae, detailing in particular training to date and, where applicable, periods of employment with one (1) copy
- Letter of motivation with one (1) copy detailing expectations of planned stay and anticipated career and personal benefits, as well as future plans
- Residence registration certificate of the guest family (original and two (2) copies)
- Proof of German language skills at A1 level in the form of a recognised language diploma (original and two (2) copies)
- Proof of adequate financial means
(as a rule in the form of the au-pair contract)
- Proof of adequate health insurance cover

Health insurance in line with [EU standards](#) (covering the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 €, valid from the day of entry for the entire stay)



Fee

- [Processing fee](#): Payable in cash only. Conversion into USD is made based on the exchange rate at the time of the application.

Completeness of application

- The application is complete: Yes No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.

Declaration when applications are not complete:

I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.

_____ place, date, signature

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