

Visas for Setting up Business

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic Germany has temporarily introduced travel restrictions and border controls. For latest information please refer to our special website [Corona Crisis and Germany](#).

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Establishing a Business with the Schengen Visa

What is needed when applying for a Schengen visa?

Schengen visa applicants (business visa applicants) will usually be asked to present certain documentation such as:

- a letter of invitation by the German business partner
- documentation of employment and salary certificate
- a letter from the applicant's employer confirming the business purpose of the trip
- proof of travel health insurance


Where the entrepreneur personally applies for a Schengen visa (or business visa), documents such as a copy of the foreign company's entry in the foreign commercial register, articles of association, and bank statements from the last three months may also be required. German embassies and consulates, as well as Visa Application Center worldwide offer checklists and fact sheets with detailed information.

For more information on how to apply for a visa, please refer to:

- [Visa Application Process](#)

Other Visa Requirements


Note to readers

GTAI's Investment Guide to Germany is intended to provide general information for foreign companies wishing to expand to Germany. GTAI is unfortunately not able to answer visa requirement queries from private individuals or support individual visa applications. 

Further information can be found at the websites of the German Federal Foreign Office [🔗](#) and German Missions Abroad. [🔗](#)

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