

Visa fees

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1. Since 14 May 2008, the fee for all types of visas has been EUR 60.00.

2. Fee waivers

a) For Schengen visas:

Visa fees are waived by all Schengen states for the following categories of person, regardless of their nationality:

- children under six years,
- school pupils, undergraduates, postgraduates and accompanying teaching staff who undertake trips for the purpose of study or educational training,
- representatives of non-profit organizations aged 25 years or less participating in seminars, conferences or other sports, cultural or educational events organized by non-profit organizations,
- and researchers from third countries travelling within the European Community for the purpose of carrying out scientific research as defined in Recommendation 2005/761/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 September 2005.

b) For national visas:

Foreign nationals receiving a scholarship from public funds during their stay in Germany, as well as their spouse or partner and minor children as long as they are covered by the funding.

c) Visa fees are waived for the spouses, partners, minor single children of German citizens and parents of minor German citizens as well as family members of EU/EEA nationals, provided they enjoy freedom of movement.

3. Reduced fees

a) The visa facilitation agreements with Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia envisage a fee of EUR 35.00 for a Schengen visa worldwide and various waivers of this visa fee (e.g. for visits to relatives).

For those nationals of Serbia, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia who still require a visa (holders of non-biometric passports), visa facilitation agreements envisage a fee of EUR 35.00.

The same applies to nationals of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania after the lifting of the general visa requirement on 15 December 2010.

b) A reduced fee of EUR 35.00 for granting a Schengen visa applies for children between the ages of 6 and 12.

c) For national visas, the fee for minors is half of the regular rate, i.e. EUR 30.00.

4. The German missions will also consider waiving or reducing the fees charged in individual cases if the applicant is seeking to enter the country to promote cultural interests, interests in the field of foreign policy, development policy or other areas of vital public interest or for humanitarian reasons.

5. Enquiries regarding visa fees in individual cases should be directed to the German mission responsible for the application in question.