



Requirements for Working-Holiday / Youth Mobility Agreement Visa

The Working Holiday Visa Programme (WHP) is based on a bilateral agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and **Argentina, Australia, Chile, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, and Uruguay**, as well as the Youth Mobility Programme (YMP) with **Canada**. These programmes aim at enabling young people to gain insight into culture and daily life in the Federal Republic of Germany. The intention is to promote increased mutual understanding and the applicant's primary aim should be to visit Germany. The duration of the work permit depends on the nationality of the participant. Employment should remain of temporary character in order to facilitate additional financial means to your holiday travel intentions in Germany. German language skills and work experience are not condition to the visa process, but are likely to improve your chances of finding work.

Who can apply and where?

To be eligible to the **Working Holiday Visa (WHV)** you must:

- be a citizen either of **Argentina/ Australia/ Chile/ Israel/ Japan/ New Zealand/ Uruguay**,
- be at least 18 years of age but not turned 31 yet when filing an application,
- not be accompanied by dependent family members (i.g. children) during your stay,
- the above-mentioned nationals may lodge an application at any consular section of the Federal Republic of Germany in any country of their choice – also at the German Embassy in Prague. Work is not permitted without a valid WHV. You may participate once only in the program.

To be eligible to the **Youth Mobility Visa (YMV)** you must:

- be a citizen of **Canada**,
- be at least 18 years of age but not turned 35 yet when filing an application.
- Work is not permitted without a valid YMV. You may participate twice but not in consecutive years.

Citizens of **Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Japan and Israel** are encouraged to apply for the WHV directly at the local aliens' authority (Ausländerbehörde) after having entered Germany. Nevertheless, these nationals may lodge an application at any consular post of the Federal Republic of Germany in any country of their choice. **South Korean** nationals can apply at the German Embassy in Seoul and **Taiwanese** citizens at the German Institute in Taipei only. Applicants holding a **SAR Hongkong** passport must apply at the Consulate General in Hongkong and **Brazilian** nationals with any German mission in Brazil only.

The required documents may vary depending on the nationality of the applicant. Generally you have to fulfil all the conditions stated on the website of the German Embassy in your home country. All applicants have to submit the original (or a certified copy) of the above-mentioned documents. Documents (flight booking, proof of funds and insurances) in a foreign language - excluding English or Czech - must be provided with an official translation into German. Please highlight relevant passages in the terms and conditions in each of these documents!

Argentinian nationals are also required to provide:

- Argentinian D.N.I.
- police conduct from either Argentina www.argentina.gob.ar/solicitar-certificado-de-antecedentes-penales and country of current residence (if you have lived there within the last six months) issued within last 3 months

How and where to find a holiday job in Germany?

You may obtain information on job availability from every local labour office ([Agentur für Arbeit](#)). However, this office can only be of assistance if you intend to work for the same employer at least several weeks. Otherwise, you are advised to contact potential employers directly.

Further information:
www.prag.diplo.de

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(Malá Strana)

Postbox:
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How to get there:
Metro Line A: Malostranská
Tram Lines 12, 20,22: Hellichova



Which documents must I submit for my visa application?

application form	Filled in online (VIDEX) and printed <u>before the appointment</u> , signed by you.
declaration	Signed declarations (with date) on information provided to applicants pursuant to section 54 (2) 8 in conjunction with section 53 of the Residence Act. Declaration is part of the VIDEX form.
passport + 1 copy of all relevant pages	A passport with at least two blank pages valid for at least three months longer than the intended return date. Please provide copies of the data page and all pages containing visa stamps or entries.
photo	Current biometric passport size photograph, in colour, no older than six months.
CV	in English or German, signed by you Note: If submitted in German, it has to include an explanation how you managed to write it.
motivational letter	in English or German, signed by you; explaining why you are interested in the WHP and what are your plans in Germany. If submitted in German, it has to include an explanation how you managed to write it. Note: standardized letters from the internet are not accepted.
proof of accommodation	payed reservation for a hotel –OR- rental contract –OR- invitation letter, including the address and personal data of your host, signed by the host & copy of both sides of the German ID-Card of the host/ passport copy of the host and certificate of registration of the domicile (“Meldebescheinigung”) of the host Note: Depending on your nationality, the minimum duration of a reservation may vary and the amount of sufficient funds might rise if you do not have a proof of accommodation.
flight booking	proof of transport from Prague to Germany AND return ticket to your home country Note: Depending on you nationality, the amount of sufficient funds might rise if you do not have a return ticket to your home country. OR If you cannot prove that date of the return ticket is changeable, the visa might be issued only until that date. Please highlight relevant passages in the booking terms and conditions!
bank statements	With English or German translation: To prove that you possess sufficient funds to cover your living expenses in Germany for the first 3 months of your stay, you have to verify that you had these funds constantly on your personal bank account during the last three months. Additionally to the recent bank statements, you have to show us the corresponding banking card for this account on your name OR your bank has to stamp and sign the account statements. Notes: Bank statements have to be translated into English or German. Depending on your nationality, the amount of sufficient funds varies and might rise if you cannot prove an accommodation and return flight. Please highlight relevant passages!
Proof of health insurance	evidence of travel health and accident insurance valid in Germany to remain in force through your stay including details about coverage (at least € 30,000 and including costs for medical evacuation/repatriation as well as repatriation of body/urn in case of death) Note: Please highlight relevant passages in the insurance terms and conditions!
Visa fee	The visa fee is 75 € , payable in cash in CZK at current exchange rate or with credit card (Mastercard or Visa as online payment). The visa fee is a processing fee. There will be no refund in case the application will be denied or withdrawn.



What else do I need to know? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- applicants will be assigned a processing number at the time of application, consisting of five numbers beginning with a 3. Subsequent documents or inquiries can be submitted under this processing number.
- The visa application can only be filed at the Embassy with an appointment for “Working Holiday Visa”. Appointments can only be arranged online at <https://prag.diplo.de/cz-de/service/termin-visa-en-seite/1305714>. Kindly note that if you book an appointment in any other category, your application and documentation might not be accepted. We reserve the right to block you from making any reservations in the future.
- If you cannot attend your appointment, please cancel it as soon as possible. Persons who do not show up without cancelling will be blocked from making new appointments in Prague.
- Applications have to be made in person by the applicant at the Embassy. All matters regarding the visa application can only be discussed with the applicant him- or herself. If your German, English or Czech language skills are not sufficient, a person who can translate should accompany you to the appointment.
- Make sure to come in time at the beginning of your appointment and to have completely filled-in application forms and the documents mentioned above with you. In case of delay of more than 15 minutes, your application cannot be accepted and you have to book a new appointment.
- The documents should be handed in, in the above mentioned order.
- Please note that only complete visa applications with all the documents required can be accepted. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.
- There is no guarantee that a visa will be issued and we wish to point out that it is at the discretion of the Embassy to request additional documents at any time while processing the visa. Presenting the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa will be granted.
- Note: An additional form about contact and legal representation details has to be filled in at the visa counter.

- Processing time is between 1 - 2 weeks for a working holiday visa application.
- Applicants will be notified on any change of status or progress of the application as soon as possible and whenever necessary. Please do not enquire on the current status of proceedings.
- To receive your visa sticker you have to appear in person to the Embassy. Please check immediately at the counter, whether all data on your visa sticker is correct and advise any discrepancies. The Embassy will not be held liable for mistakes, if it was not notified of instantly.
- Upon arrival in Germany border authorities may assess whether the prerequisites to enter Germany are still applicable. This assessment is international practice. You might be refused entry although you are holding a valid visa. In order to facilitate admission formalities and avoid unnecessary delays we strongly recommend that you keep documents providing evidence about the nature of your stay on you, particularly proof of sufficient funds and medical insurance.
- Once you take domicile in Germany, you must report to the registration authority (Einwohnermeldeamt or Bürgeramt) within the first two weeks to get a certificate of registration of the domicile (Meldebescheinigung).

All statements made in this leaflet are based on best knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time the leaflet was written (May 2022). As far as correctness and completeness are concerned this information is supplied without liability.

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