

Applying for a Germany Visa from Nigeria

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1. Do Nigerian Citizens Need a Visa to Germany?

Yes, Nigerian nationals must apply for a visa to enter Germany. You're required to apply for a visa even if you're planning to stay short-term in the country as a tourist or visit friends and family. However, you have to keep in mind that if you already have a valid Schengen visa issued by another country you can use that visa to enter Germany for short visits.

2. Who Can Apply for a German Visa in Nigeria?

[Citizens of these countries](#) who have been residing in Nigeria for at least three months and plan on visiting Germany are required to get a German visa.

You should apply for a German Schengen visa in Nigeria if:

You are only visiting Germany in the Schengen area – Which means that if you want to visit Belgium only, you will not be allowed to apply for a visa for Germany. You must plan to visit Germany in order to qualify for the visa.

You will spend most of your visiting days in Germany – If you are doing a tour around Europe and the Schengen zone countries, you will have to apply for the visa in the country you will be staying in the longest. So if you want to visit Germany for 5 days, Belgium for 4 days, and the Netherlands for 3 days, you are eligible to apply for a visa in Germany. If you are staying longer in another country, then you cannot apply for a visa in Germany.

3. What Type of German Visa Can I Apply for?

Depending on the reason why you want to enter Germany there are several different visa types which you can apply for as listed below:

- Tourist and Visitor visa
- Business visa
- Airport transit visa
- Training/internship visa
- Visa for cultural, sports or religious events
- Trade fair and exhibition visa
- Visa for medical treatment



4. Where to Apply for a German Visa in Nigeria?

You must apply for a German visa at the nearest embassy or consulate in Nigeria that corresponds to your area of residence.

If you live at any of the following jurisdictions of German consular services, you must schedule an appointment via the German Embassy or Consulate:

Where to Apply?	Address	Who Can Apply?	Application
The German Embassy in Abuja	9, Lake Maracaibo Close, off Amazon Street, Maitama, Abuja	FCT, Niger, Kwara, Kogi, Nassarawa, Benue, Taraba, Plateau, Adamawa, Gombe, Bauchi, Kaduna, Zamfara, Kebbi, Sokoto, Katsina, Kano, Jigawa, Yobe, Borno	Website
Consulate General in Lagos	15, Walter Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island	Abia, Akwa-Ibom, Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Imo, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo and Rivers states	Website

5. How to Set up an Appointment for a Germany Visa in Nigeria

Scheduling a Germany visa appointment in Nigeria is a quick and easy procedure, that consumes little of your time and energy. You just need to precisely follow the steps listed below:

First, go to the German Embassy online appointment system website for Nigeria. You should click on "Continue" under the section that is titled "Schengen Visa", "Short stay visa" or just "Visa" You will not need to create an account, you can start filling the appointment form immediately.

Next select the type of service, which you should decide according to the purpose of your trip to Germany. You should select the "Schengen" option.

Then, you will be presented with a calendar that lets you select an appointment date. You will have to scroll through the right to find a date with an available appointment. Keep going until you find one.

Complete the new set of questions, which overall are questions on your personal details and background. Make sure you have your passport close to you as you will have to write your passport number among others.

6. How Do I Get a Visa for Germany From Nigeria?

To get a visa to Germany from Nigeria follow the instructions as listed:

Select the correct visa type.

Find out where to apply.

Set up an appointment with the embassy/consulate.

Prepare the required documents.

Pay the visa fee.

Submit your application.

Select the Correct Visa Type

If you're visiting Germany for specific purposes such as tourism, business, cultural visits, etc., you have to determine which visa type meets your requirements. Depending on the visa type you may be required to submit additional documents, which is why it's important to complete this step first.

Find Out Where to Apply

You must find the correct German Embassy/Consulate .

Set Up an Appointment With the Embassy/Consulate

After you locate the correct application office, you must schedule an appointment with the corresponding German embassy or consulate nearest to you. From there you can select your visa type and set up the appointment. Note that this step is free of charge so keep away from unofficial websites that ask you to pay an appointment fee.

Prepare the Required Documents

For the visa application, you must assemble several required documents as your passport, identity pictures, application form, etc. In case you don't have some of these documents you must obtain them from the relevant authorities in Nigeria before your appointment. So make sure you start the document collection as soon as you schedule your appointment.

Pay the Visa Fee

To have your application processed you must pay the visa fee as required by the embassy or consulate. Some embassies may ask you to pay the fee before your interview while others after your interview depending on they operate' either way, make sure to have the money with you on the day you submit your application.

Submit Your Application

On the scheduled day of your appointment, you must bring your documents with you at the Self office. In addition, you may be required to attend a visa interview where you need to answer questions regarding your trip to Germany.

7. What Documents Are Required to Apply for a German Visa in Nigeria?

You must prepare two sets of the following documents for your German visa application:

A. Application form. You must provide a filled-out and signed application form for your visa. You can usually download the form online via the embassy website, print it and fill it out. Please make sure to submit accurate and complete information.

B. Declaration of accuracy of information. Submit a signed declaration of accuracy of information with the rest of your documents.

C. Your passport. You must provide your passport which must be valid for additional three months after you leave Germany, contains two blank pages and was issued in the last ten years.

D. Identification photographs. Two identity photographs in line with the Schengen visa photo guidelines – the photo must not be older than 6 months.

If you are not a Nigerian citizen: Proof of residency in Nigeria. Submit proof of residency in Nigeria such as your utility bill – make sure to provide the original document plus one copy.

E. Residence permit. You must submit proof of a valid residence permit – make sure to submit an additional copy of the document.

F. Schengen travel health insurance. Provide proof of purchased valid travel health insurance that covers you in the Schengen Area and has a minimum of EUR 30,000 equivalent to Nigerian Naira 30000 of medical coverage including medical emergencies.

G. Proof of accommodation. Submit proof of accommodation during your stay in the country. You can submit proof of hotel reservation, rental agreement, and Airbnb, or if you're staying with someone an invitation letter.

H. Travel itinerary. Please provide a travel itinerary for your entry and visit to the country and include proof of reserved flight ticket.

I. Proof of sufficient financial means. You must submit your recent bank statements from the last three months showing you have sufficient funds to cover your travel to Germany. Your bank statements must show the name and address of the owner.

J. Letter of invitation. If you are visiting a family member or a friend please provide an invitation letter from your host stating their relationship with you and your reason for visiting. If they are sponsoring you they must also include that in the letter.

-Documentation for minor applicants. If minors are applying the following documents must also be included:

- Signed application form by both parents.
- Proof of custody if one parent has custody of the child.
- Original passports of the parents in addition to a copy.
- Children's birth certificate. You must submit your original birth certificate.
- Notarised travel consent letter if both parents/legal guardians cannot visit the embassy/visa centre.
- Additional documents depending on the employment status include:

If you are employed:

- Your work contract.
- Letter from your employer.

If you are self-employed:

- Business license.
- Recent bank statements.
- Income tax returns.

If you are a student:

Proof of your student status.

If you are retired:

- Proof of pension

If someone else is sponsoring you:

- Proof of relationship with your sponsor.
- A copy of their passport data page.
- Their recent bank statements.
- Proof of employment (if applicable).

Please keep in mind that the embassy reserves the right to ask you for any additional documents not included in the checklist.

8. Do I Need to Authenticate My Documents?

The German embassies/consulates in Nigeria require you to translate some of your documents from English to German or English, such as civil status certificates and have them certified. Remember that certification with an Apostille stamp or legalisation is not accepted by any of the German authorities in Nigeria.

To authenticate your documents, you must bring them to the embassy or consulate before your visa interview, as the authentication process may take up to 12 weeks. Additionally, you must also pay an additional fee for authentication on the day of your visa interview— the amount of this fee depends on the embassy/consulate.

9. How Long Does It Take to Get a Visa to Germany From Nigeria?

It takes 14 days to process your visa application but sometimes processing times can be extended for longer depending on the number of applicants. Please do not contact the embassy to ask them regarding your application status – once a decision has been made you will be notified.

10. How Much Does Germany Visa Cost?

The fees for a German visa application from Nigeria vary as follows:

Category	Fee
Application fee for adults	EUR 80 equivalent to Nigerian Naira **
Fee for minor applicants (between 6-12 years of age)	EUR 40 equivalent to Nigerian Naira **
Fee for children under 6	Free

11. How Do I Pay the Visa Fee?

You have to pay the visa fee in Nigerian Naira and in cash when you submit your application. Please note that the German embassies in Nigeria do not accept cheques or credit card payments – make sure to bring cash with you. Please keep in mind that the visa fee is non-refundable regardless of the results of your visa application.

12. Can a Nigerian Citizen Live and Work in Germany?

Yes, Nigerian citizens can live and work in Germany, but they must have a valid residence permit or a work visa to stay in the country for more than 90 days. To obtain a work visa or a residence permit for employed persons you're required to have proof of employment in Germany, but you may also apply for a job seeker visa and look for employment first and then switch to a residence permit for employed persons.

13. What Do Nigerians Need to Enter Germany?

You will need to have the following documents with you when you enter Germany:

Your passport or travel document.

Your visa (if applicable).

14. How Much Bank Balance Is Required for a German Schengen Visa?

You must provide proof you have a minimum of EUR 45/ or Nigerian Naira 45 per day to spend during your stay in Germany. You can show proof of financial means via your bank statements or proof of sponsorship. The German authorities must know that you have this required amount, so you won't be a financial burden after entering the country. This is why it's mandatory to provide evidence of your financial means when you apply for your visa.

15. Do I Need an Interview for Germany Visa?

The German embassies in Nigeria may ask you for an interview after you submit your visa application, in this case, you are required to attend the interview – but they may not ask for one at all. Either way, it's good to be prepared just in case and keep in mind the questions they may ask.

Some of the most commonly asked questions during the interview are related to your visit to the country, why you want to enter Germany, how long you plan to stay, and whether you are visiting a family member or not.

16. How Far in Advance Can You Apply for a German Visa?

Taking into consideration that it takes 14 days to process your application, or even longer, and the time it takes for the embassy to send your passport back, it's in your best interest to apply for the visa as earlier as possible – you're recommended to submit your application a minimum of three months before your travel date.

You can apply for your visa a maximum of six months before your trip but no later than 15 days before your travel date. It's important to schedule an appointment as soon as possible as you never know if processing times for your visa may be delayed and cause you to miss your intended travel date.

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