



Airport Transit Visa

An airport transit visa is the type of visa nationals of the subsequently mentioned countries need when **flying via Germany or Austria** to a final third country (i.e. non-Schengen) destination **with only one stopover in the international transit area of the following airports** (*with restrictions on opening hours, and/ or minimum transiting time):

Frankfurt/Main, Munich, Hamburg*, Düsseldorf*, Cologne/Bonn*, Berlin-Tegel*, Vienna.

Nationals of the following countries need an airport transit visa when transiting through a German or Austrian Airport:

Afghanistan	DR Congo	Ethiopia	Iran	Nigeria	Somalia	Syria
Bangladesh	Eritrea	Ghana	Iraq	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	

Nationals of the following countries need an airport transit visa when transiting only through a German Airport:

India	Jordan ¹	Lebanon	Mali	South Sudan	Sudan	Turkey ²
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1) Jordan: Holders of a valid visa for Australia, Israel or New Zealand and if they are travelling to these countries and are in possession of a valid boarding card or confirmed flight ticket do not need an airport transit visa.

2) Turkey: Holders of a diplomatic, official or ministerial passports do not need an airport transit visa.

Entry clearance **requirements** depend on the **citizenship** and the **resident status** of the applicant. Holders of diplomatic passports are generally exempt from the need of an airport transit visa. For possible exemptions for **family members of EU citizens** please contact the Visa Section at visa@toro.diplo.de.

You do not need an airport transit visa if you are holding any of the following visas/ residence permits:

- **valid Canadian Permanent Resident Card** or **Permanent Resident Travel Document** (same applies for national residence permits from EU and Schengen countries, Andorra, Japan, San Marino, USA)
- holder of a **valid Canadian re-entry visa** ("temporary resident visa"-TRV) (same applies for valid visas from EU and Schengen countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Japan, USA)
- traveler who **leaves Canada** after having used a **Canadian visa** (within 24 hours after the date of expiry of the visa)

The Airport transit privilege does **not apply** and you will need a **regular transit visa**, if:

- you have to change the terminal, pick up your baggage and/or have to check in again (please **verify** with your **airline**)
- you have to pass passport control (please **verify** with your **airline**)
- you are **transiting through two or more airports** in Germany or other Schengen countries (for example: Toronto-Frankfurt-Vienna-India or Toronto-Frankfurt-Munich-India)
- you hold an open ticket

The visa application may be submitted at the **earliest 6 months prior** to the planned trip and should be submitted **no later than 15 days prior** to departure. The visa section endeavors to process applications as timely as possible. As a general guideline, processing of an application for an airport transit visa with full set of required documents may take up to 15 days. In justified cases where further investigation is necessary or information needs to be sourced, processing time may be extended to up to 45 days. **No expedited processing time will be guaranteed for late applications.**

The list below shall assist you in having **all** of the following documentation **prepared** in the **given order** before you come to your visa appointment.

Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

You have to submit your application **in person**. Please note that fingerprints will still have to be taken from all applicants.

All documents need to be presented in the **given order in original**. Should you wish to keep any originals, kindly provide an additional copy.

Please prepare your documents in the order below and **submit with print-out of the list:**

→ **Please check all documents you submit:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid and signed passport (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after leaving the Schengen area with at least 2 empty pages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application form , fully completed, duly signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration “Use of mail services” , and Information pursuant to sec. 54 (2) 8, 53 of the Residence Act , duly signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport size picture, stamped , not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (<i>please do <u>not attach</u> the picture to the application form</i>) Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of your passport’s data page
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flight reservation/itinerary (including your name) to Germany/ Austria and back to Canada or final destination ,
<input type="checkbox"/>	if applicable Copy of the valid visa / residence permit of your final destination
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepaid self-addressed Xpresspost envelope (Canada Post only), Regional Standard to Ontario or National Standard to all other provinces (shipment to a Canadian address only)
	For Minors: <input type="checkbox"/> birth certificate with parental information , original and official translation into German or English, if applicable (must be certified by a notary public if parent is not present at the interview) – plus one copy each <input type="checkbox"/> application form signed by one parent on the last page ; if both parents have legal custody and <u>only one</u> parent or <u>no parent</u> is travelling with the child: declaration of consent of the non-travelling parent/s – signature/s must be certified by a notary public if parent is not present at the interview; in case only one parent has custody, proof thereof by means of a parental order or death certificate <input type="checkbox"/> passport copies of both parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa fee: - for children under age of 6 years: no charge - for children between 6 and 12 years; equivalent of 40 €, i.e. app. 60 CAD for persons over 12 years of age: equivalent of 80 €, i.e. app. 120 CAD payment by cash/ mastercard/ visa)

Please note that the German Consulate reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above mentioned documents does **not** guarantee that a visa is granted.

For further information, please visit our **website** www.canada.diplo.de/transit.

Please see as well our visa-related [FaQ](#).

Please note: The Visa Section is not in a position to **provide individual advice** or **pre-screening** of documents. In case of further **queries not answered on our website/ FaQs**, you may contact the Visa Section via email at visa@toro.diplo.de.