

Checklist for the re-issuance of national visa ("D"- visa) due to COVID-19

All applicants who were granted a **national** visa ("D"- visa) but were unable to make use of it due to the COVID 19 pandemic and subsequent border closures will be offered a simplified, **free of charge procedure to have their visa re-issued**. In order to be eligible to apply for a reissuance of your national visa, the validity on the original issued visa either must have expired by now or its expiration will be within the next 30 days. Additionally, the **purpose of the trip and the place of residence have not changed**.

Applicants are eligible to apply for a reissuance of their visa **until December 31, 2020**.

Requirements:

- An issued and **unused** national visa valid for travelling between March 17th and July 1st, 2020.
- The **purpose of the trip and the place of residence have not changed**.
- The unused visa **was issued by the German Consulate General in Toronto**.

In the event that the purpose or location of your upcoming stay has changed (e.g. new employer or different university) you do not qualify for the re-issuance of a new visa. Instead you would have to apply for a new national visa, following the regular visa application procedures, including paying the visa fee.

You can submit your request for the reissuance of a new visa in the following way:

Please submit all documents listed below, together with a self-addressed, prepaid Xpress post envelope from Canada Post and a signed [disclaimer](#) to the following address:

German Consulate General Toronto
2 Bloor Street East, 25th Floor
Toronto, ON, M4W 1A8

- 1) Informal, signed application with details of the planned purpose of stay, place of residence and the planned travel dates. Please ensure to provide your contact details (phone number and email).
- 2) Your passport containing the unused visa (if you now have a new passport, please enclose the old and the new passport)
- 3) A new travel health insurance for the full duration of your intended stay or confirmation from the insurance company that the coverage period and dates shown on the originally submitted insurance policy can be postponed
- 4) **Updated documents:**
 - o **Work visa:** Updated work contract or letter of intention from the employer, confirming that the employment offer still is valid
 - o **Research visa:** Confirmation letter from the research institute or organization that the research agreement still is valid
 - o **Study visa:** Enrollment letter from the German university for the current semester
- 5) Updated proof of sufficient funds to cover the costs of your stay (only applicable if this was a requirement during the initial visa application)

Please note that we reserve the right to ask for additional documents during this process.

Please also be advised, that it cannot be guaranteed that Germany and/or other EU Member States will reintroduce entry restrictions if the COVID 19 pandemic situation worsens. Please therefore note the following:

- An issued visa alone does **not yet entitle** you to enter Germany.
- The decision whether an entry is being granted or not is solely up to the discretion of the German Federal Police (*Bundespolizei*).
- The Federal Police (*Bundespolizei*) in general **only makes this decision upon arrival at a German airport or border**.
- The German missions abroad cannot assume any responsibility in this respect.

We therefore strongly recommend to visit the website of the Federal Police ("Corona-Virus: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)") or to call their support hotline prior to your intended trip in order to get the most up-to-date information on whether you can expect permission to enter the country:

- Website of the Federal Police: https://www.bundespolizei.de/EN/Home/home_node.html
- Support hotline: +49 (0) 331 97997 0

Please note that all persons entering the Federal Republic of Germany who have been in a so-defined "risk area" at any point in time during the last 14 days prior to their arrival in Germany may become subjects to a mandatory 14-days self-isolation and quarantine right upon arrival. For further information on which countries and/or regions currently are considered "risk areas", please refer to the website of the Robert-Koch-Institut through this link:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

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