

Checklist for the re-issuance of unused Schengen visa ("C"- visa) due to COVID-19

All applicants who were granted a Schengen visa ("C"- visa) but were unable to make use of it or who had to withdraw their application due to the COVID 19 pandemic and subsequent border closures, will be offered a simplified, **free of charge procedure to re-issue have their visa re-issued**. However, this is subject to the condition that 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 January 13th, 2021**.

Requirements:

- An issued and **unused** Schengen visa valid for travelling between March 17th and July 1st, 2020, with a maximum validity of 90 days. **Issued annual or multi-year visas are excluded from this procedure.**
- 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 trip has changed (e.g. a business trip instead of a vacation trip) you do not qualify for the re-issuance of a new visa. Instead you would have to apply for a new Schengen visa, following the regular visa application procedures, including paying the visa fee.

You can submit your request for the re-issuance 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) For business visa: new invitation letter from the business/partner /institution in Germany
- 5) For visitor visa: new formal obligation letter (only if the issuance date of the previous submitted letter is six months or older) or new, informal invitation letter from the inviting party
- 6) For tourist visa: new flight and hotel reservation(s)

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, a mandatory self-isolation and quarantine right upon arrival for 14 days may apply. 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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