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Bundesagentur für Arbeit

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Persons from countries other than the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland: type of activity

Internships

A residence document is generally required for taking up a study related internship in Germany. The visa is issued by the [German diplomatic mission in the country of origin](#). After entry and before expiry of the visa a purpose-related residence permit must be applied for at the local [foreigners' registration office](#).

Generally the Federal Employment Agency has to grant its agreement for taking up a study related internship in Germany. This must be applied for by the employer.

Further information and application forms for obtaining the consent from the Federal Employment Agency can be found on the [BA website](#).

Issue of a residence document for an internship does not require consent from the Federal Employment Agency (BA):

- internships that are a mandatory part of a school education, vocational education or a study at an university in Germany,
- internships sponsored by the European Union or bilateral development cooperation (e.g. Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus, Socrates, Phare, Marie Curie and Tacis),
- internships financed from German governmental funds, European Union funds or international trans-national organisation funds oder
- Pupils of a German school abroad for internships for up to 6 weeks.

Students and graduates up to 2 years after graduation can complete a study-related internship of up to 6 months in Germany according to the EU Directive 2016/801. An internship plan of the employer, which includes theoretical and practical training (educational target, duration, conditions of employment, training supervisor) is mandatory. The employer also must provide a written commitment declaration which covers any costs associated with the internship and for which the employer is liable for even 6 months after the end of the internship. Example costs could include living expenses, deportation, etc.

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