

Visa extension

Have you entered Germany with a Schengen visa for visiting or business purposes ("C visa") and need to extend your visa?

Please note the following points:

Competent Department

- [Migrationsamt](#)
- [Aufenthalt](#)

Basic information

A visa can be extended if the existence of force majeure, humanitarian reasons or serious personal reasons are proven and these prevent timely departure. In these cases, the extended visa remains valid for the entire Schengen area.

If there are other important personal reasons that do not necessarily prevent you from leaving the country on time, the visa may be extended as a so-called national visa. This visa is then only valid for Germany.

Requirements

- Valid travel document with a validity period of at least 3 months after the planned departure.
- Health insurance cover
- Secured livelihood for the duration of the intended stay
- Financing of the departure
- Proof of the stated reason

What documents do I need?

- Travel document

Valid travel document, which is still valid 3 months after the planned departure.

- Health Insurance

proof of health insurance for the intended duration of the stay

- Proof of livelihood

Proof of securing livelihood for the intended duration of the stay.
E.g. declaration of commitment by a person living in the Federal territory.

- Proof of financing of the departure

E.g. flight ticket

- Other evidence

Other evidence to support the reasons given.

E.g. medical certificates, certificates for flight cancellations.

Procedure

If your visa expires but you cannot leave Germany due to an emergency situation, see below. Basic information, please send us a reasoned email with your personal details and how we can contact you to: <mailto:office@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

Legal bases

- [Gesetz über den Aufenthalt, die Erwerbstätigkeit und die Integration von Ausländern im Bundesgebiet \(AufenthG\)](#)
- [Verordnung \(EG\) Nr. 810/2009 des europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 13.07.2009 über einen Visakodex der Gemeinschaft \(Visakodex\)](#)
- [Aufenthaltsverordnung \(AufenthV\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The extension must be applied for within the validity of the existing visa

How long does it take to process

A decision on the extension of the visa is taken immediately

What are the costs?

30,00 EUR

For serious personal reasons

60,00 EUR

For other important personal matters

free of charge

in cases of force majeure or humanitarian reasons