

# Visa

Having a valid visa is a necessary precondition for any business travel to the Schengen area, including Germany (Schengen area consists of 22 European Union states and 4 non-EU members). At the moment Mauritius is the only country for whose citizens the European Community has abolished the visa requirement for visits of up to three months.

Under German law, responsibility for issuing visas lies with the missions of the Federal Republic of Germany, i.e. its embassies and consulates-general. Due to the regional and organizational differences visa procedures and waiting periods vary from one country to another. Therefore, persons requiring a visa to enter Germany, should submit their applications in good time, at least 2-3 months before travelling.

As a rule, applicants must submit visa applications, together with all necessary documents, in person at the German mission responsible for their place of residence. In order to avoid time-consuming requests for additional information or documentation, applicants should consult the website of the respective mission well in advance of their departure date to find out about the visa procedure and about the documentation which has to be submitted.

For your preparation, please find the links to the German embassies in your country below:

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The Visa Code for Schengen area standardizes the visa requirements which must be examined by the mission in the course of the visa procedure. The respective mission makes a decision on the visa application at its own discretion, taking into account all the circumstances in any

given individual case.

The mission must ensure that the following requirements have been met in each individual case:

- The purpose of the trip to Germany must be plausible and comprehensible
- The applicant must be in a position to finance his/her living and travel costs from his/her own funds or income
- The visa holder must be prepared to leave the Schengen area before the visa expires
- Documentary evidence must be provided of travel health insurance with a minimum coverage of 30,000 euro valid for the entire Schengen area and the duration of the trip

Please be aware that the above requirements can also be controlled by the customs and Federal Border Police when travelling.

At Fairpros we have to assure there is no abuse of our services, as this might influence issuing a visa for real business people from your country and inflict damage on already existing trade relationships.

We offer you our assistance to make your applying for a visa as smooth as possible. By contacting us you can order the services you need. We take care that all these documents meet the requirements of the mission in your country.

Fairpros will accept no responsibility if you do not receive a visa or do not receive it on time, or if you are unable to travel to the event due to other reasons.

For all other events outside Germany the visa requirements of the host country apply and have to be checked individually. Fairpros offers assistance regarding invitation letters for represented trade shows abroad.