



Blocked bank account

When applying for student visa for Germany, you must present a proof of financing to the German embassy. Many international students use the so called "blocked account". It's called blocked account because the money you transfer to it, is blocked till the day you've arrived in Germany. Once you arrived in Germany you can withdraw a certain amount each month to finance your stay in Germany.

1. How to get a blocked bank account?

You can apply for a blocked account at different German banks. We recommend opening the bank account at **Deutsche Bank**. Nationals from **Iran, Sudan and Syria** can open a blocked bank account at **Sparkasse Aachen**. It is not necessary to be in Germany for the opening of the account. Usually you can download the required documents on the homepage of the bank or it is sent to you via E-mail. Go to the German embassy or consulate take the filled out (**digitally!**), unsigned forms as well as a copy of your passport, and let all your documents be certified. You will need to sign the form in presence of the embassy's officer to receive the legalisation stamp. At the same time, make sure that the tuition fees for your course have been paid. You will receive a payment confirmation, which you shall send together with the bank opening documents via courier to the bank in Germany. The bank needs the original documents, so unfortunately it is not possible to send the documents via E-mail. Your account will be opened as soon as the bank got your documents. Please consider that some banks may demand a charge for that. After the account opening you are able to transfer money to it. Once you arrived in Germany, you can make an appointment with the bank to resolve additional open questions and apply for a cash card, if you have not received one until then. With the cash card, you can withdraw cash from your account and pay cashless in almost every shop.

2. How much time do I need to open the account?

You should apply for the blocked account early. Normally, the handling takes one week after the bank got all your documents. Please note that the duration can prolong especially in the beginning of the semester due to the high number of applications.

3. How much money has to be transferred to the account?

The required amount of money that has to be transferred to the blocked account differs from country to country. Your German embassy/consulate will inform you about the exact amount (approximately 8000€).

The amount is calculated so that your monthly costs during your stay in Germany should be covered. Please note that there may also be some one-time costs like semester contribution or the deposit for an apartment. Thus, it is advisable to transfer a little bit more money than the required amount to the blocked account. For the first month in Germany students should take cash money with them as it takes some time to activate the account upon arrival.

Open a blocked bank account:

https://www.deutsche-bank.de/pfb/content/privatkunden/konto_international-students-en.html#accordion_10766

Attention: for students under 18 years, there is another document required, which can also be found on the mentioned website

Where do I need to send the filled out document?

The filled form needs to be sent to the address mentioned in the same PDF file.