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# Temporary Covid-19 Travel Restrictions for GERMANY

**Note:** Entry conditions to Germany and the Schengen Area as per the REGULATION (EU) 2016/399 remain and need to be fulfilled by the traveller. Apart from this, the following Covid-19 travel restrictions for GERMANY apply.

The decision on entry at the EU external border (and, if applicable, the respective internal borders on the route to Germany) is made exclusively by the respective border authorities.

This also applies for holders of a valid visa granted by the German missions abroad.

**In compliance with the still valid general entry requirements for the Federal Republic of Germany, the following additional entry restrictions apply in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic**

### A. Direct Airside Transit

#### *No restrictions*


*Please be aware of the confirmed onward ticket to the next non-Schengen country and*

*Possible Covid-19 related entry restrictions at the final destination. Be aware that there is no Covid-19 test facility for regular transit passengers in the International Transit Area.*

### B. Entry to remain in Germany

#### *No restrictions for*

1. a) EU nationals, nationals of Schengen states and nationals of Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City  
b) GBR nationals holding a Withdrawal Agreement residence document issued by an EU country or a Schengen state
2. Third country nationals holding a residence permit or visa type D issued by an EU country or a Schengen state  
*Visa type D: Residence is required! Not for the first entry to establish residency*
3. Core family member of nationals mentioned under No. 1 and No. 2  
*Spouse or registered partner, minor unmarried children and parents of minors*
4. Holder of official letter issued from a DEU mission confirming urgent travel needs

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5. Residents of ALB, AND, AUS, HKG, ISR, JPN, KOR, LBN, MAC, MCO, MKD, NZL, SGP, SRB, SMR, THA, TWN, USA, VAT, AZE, ARM, BIH, BRN, JOR, CAN, QAT, XXK, MDA, MNE. A person is considered a resident of a country if they have their domicile or habitual residence there, specifically if they have spent the past 6 months there
6. Fully vaccinated travellers (as of 25<sup>th</sup> of June). **This does NOT apply for residents of China**
  - o Proof of vaccination:
    - i. In digital (e.g. EU Digital COVID Certificate) or paper form (e.g. WHO vaccination booklet) in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish
    - ii. The vaccine used must be one of those listed on the website of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (Covishield is accepted)
    - iii. A period of at least 14 days must have elapsed since receiving the last vaccine dose.  
(Travelers who recovered from Covid-19 need to proof receiving of one dose of vaccine)

**Exemptions according to the purpose of travel, role of the traveler, or other urgent need to travel. The passenger shall submit sufficient proof.**

7. Planned **marriage** to national residing in DEU
8. **Urgent family reason** like birth, funeral, serious illness, wedding  
*Applies to all first-grade and second-grade relatives, core family and adult children, grandparents, parents of adult children, grandchildren, siblings*
9. **Unmarried couples**  
**Third country national visits a partner living in Germany**
  - o Steady partnership with national mentioned under No. 1 or No. 2
  - o Invitation and passport copies of the partner living in DEU
  - o Signed declaration "Selbsterklärung Besuch des Partners"
  - o Proof of previous meeting  
e.g. entry/exit-stamps, flight tickets, registration of common residence, photos, social media, letters)

**Couple lives abroad**

  - o Steady partnership with national mentioned under No. 1
  - o Proof of urgent travel reason like under No. 7

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- Proof of common residence abroad
- Signed declaration "Selbsterklärung gemeinsame Reise"

10. Serious **medical** reasons *e.g. live-saving treatment* or **ongoing treatment** which can only be performed in Germany or at least cannot be received in the country of residence

11. Urgent **Business** reasons

- **Skilled and highly qualified workers**  
*Proof of employment and the need of being present in DEU  
Work cannot be postponed or carried out from abroad*
- **Scientists / researchers**
- **Healthcare professionals** *e.g. Nurses, Doctors, Pharmacists*
- **Business travelers** *e.g. signing contracts or maintenance of industrial products can be proven by the form "Erklärung zur unbedingten Erforderlichkeit einer kurzfristigen Geschäftsreise"*
- **IT-Specialists**
- **Transport personnel**
- **Seasonal workers in agriculture**
- **Exhibitors** *confirmation of fair organizer*
- **Trade fair visitors** *with admission ticket and a confirmation from an exhibition exhibitor about an appointment on-side*
- **Participants of a congress** *with invitation and proof of the organizer that the congress will not take place online*

12. **Seamen** on duty

13. **Students**

- Admission to study of the university or employer


14. **Trainees, advanced education** *for at least 6 month with confirmation of the employer that presence in DEU is needed*

15. **Diplomats, military members,** staff of **international organizations** on duty, on the way to their mission country or return

16. **Core family member of diplomats** from countries mentioned under No. **1 a)**

17. **Au-pairs and volunteers** *for at least a 6 month stay*

18. **Professional athletes** for competitions or tournaments, including attendants

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19. **Amateur athletes** for training or competitions for Olympic and Paralympic Games or for participation in tournaments being delegated by a national sports federation
20. **Sports officials** for international sports events
21. **Referees** of competitions or tournaments

#### **C. Entry for the purpose of transit to a Schengen or EU country**

- Current printout of the entry regulations of the country of final destination, which proofs that the **country of residence is excluded from the entry restrictions.**  
Alternatively,  
Passengers mentioned under chapter B. The same entry conditions apply.
- **Holder of an official letter, issued from the country of final destination and stating that **entry will be granted**, will not have to submit further proof.**
- Possible Covid-19 related easing of travel restrictions shall be proven by the passenger.

#### **D. Entry for the purpose of transit to a third country state**

- Onward flight ticket to a non-Schengen airport
- Submission of proof that the entry in the third country state is permitted
- Current printout of the entry regulations of the transiting countries, which proofs that, the transit to a non-Schengen country is allowed.

**When in doubt, please contact German ALO for further advice!**

*The Alert serves as an advisory, it is not legally binding.*

*More detailed COVID-19 related information can be found under:*

##### **Federal Police and Ministry of Interior - FAQ**

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/bevoelkerungsschutz/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html#doc13738352bodyText3>

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html#doc13797140bodyText3>

##### **IATA Covid-19 Travel Regulation Map**

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm>

##### **Declaration forms for unmarried couples (ref. to No. 8)**

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/2020/corona/erklaerung-unverheiratete-paare-2-zwingergrund.pdf>

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/2020/corona/erklaerung-unverheiratete-paare-beziehung.pdf?>

##### **Declaration forms for urgent business reasons (ref. to No. 10)**

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/2020/corona/erklaerung-unbedingte-erforderlichkeit-geschaeftsreise>

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