

Blocked Bank Account (Sperrkonto)



When applying for a visa you will need to prove that you have sufficient funding to support yourself during your studies in Germany. For your visa application you must prove that you have approx. €10,332 per year (€861 per month) available to cover living expenses.

In many cases, a German blocked bank account is also required for the visa application. The account may only permit the withdrawal of a certain amount per month (this is currently €861 for students).



The blocked account may only be closed with the consent of the blocked account beneficiary. The blocked account beneficiary is either the mission abroad or, after entering Germany, the competent foreigners authority. As soon as you deposit the required amount, your selected organisation will issue a so-called “blocking confirmation”. This is the document that the authorities require you to submit together with your visa or residence permit application. It functions as your financial proof. A blocking confirmation only ensures that sufficient funds to cover living expenses are always available. It does not entitle the blocked account beneficiary to withdraw money from the blocked account.

The most common (and visa approved) providers for a blocked account are [Deutsche Bank](#) and [Fintiba](#). Please have a look at the website of the Federal Foreign Office for a list of accepted banks:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/02-lernen-und-arbeiten/sperrkonto-seite>



The process of opening a blocked account can take a few weeks and we recommend completing the application early because you will have to present proof of opening an account when applying for your visa. After your arrival in Germany, you need to make an appointment at your bank to start using it. Depending on your country of origin, some international students may need to set up a German bank account.

In case of further questions do not hesitate to contact the Welcome Centre of the University of Europe for Applied Sciences: welcome.services@ue-germany.de