



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

EMPOWERING LOCAL AND GLOBAL CAREERS

KEY PATHWAYS TO GERMANY

Why German Healthcare Apprenticeships

About Vocational Training (Ausbildung) in Germany

In Germany, Ausbildungen are formal apprenticeship programs that combine academic training with hands-on work experience. As a student, you'll be employed part-time by a healthcare institution while receiving classroom instruction.

Training usually runs for three years, during which students receive a monthly salary to support their living expenses.

Requirements

To qualify, candidates must:

- Secure placement with a German training institution or hospital
- Demonstrate strong German language skills (B2 level)

Who Is Eligible?

To qualify for apprenticeship program in Germany, you must meet the following criteria:

Academic Requirements

- ☒ German Language Certificate – Level B2 (Issued within the past year)
- ☒ KCSE Certificate – Minimum Grade C (Lower grades may be considered if B2-level German is achieved)

Personal Requirements

- ☒ Age: 18–29 years
- ☒ Strong interest in healthcare careers – nursing or medical radiology
- ☒ Motivated and ready to adapt to a new cultural and professional environment

Note: Candidates who have passed some B2 modules may still apply.

Application Process

The next intake will open soon. Only applicants who meet the requirements will be shortlisted for interviews.

How to Apply

Interested candidates will submit an application form (available soon) and undergo a screening process to ensure readiness for the program.

After Selection

Successful applicants will enroll in a preparatory course at IIFLHM :

- Intercultural Training – Adjusting to life and work in Germany
- German Medical Terminology – Essential vocabulary and usage
- Basic Nursing Skills – Foundation in professional healthcare practice

1. Undergraduate Studies

Study Undergraduate Programs in Germany

Requirements and Guidance for Kenyan Students

World-class education with low tuition costs

Are you a Kenyan high school graduate exploring international undergraduate opportunities? Germany offers world-class education, low tuition costs, and a wide

range of English- and German-taught programs. At the International Institute for Foreign Languages and Hospitality Management (IIFLHM), we provide expert consultation and guidance to help you start your academic journey in Germany.

Admission Pathways

Direct Admission

For students who meet the German university entrance qualifications.

- KCSE with minimum grade requirements
- Direct entry to degree programs

Indirect Admission

For students who need preparatory courses before enrolling.

- Foundation year (Studienkolleg)
- Language preparation courses

Core Admission Requirements

I. High School Certificate (KCSE or Equivalent)

A minimum grade of C+ in KCSE is required for university consideration.

If you hold other international qualifications (e.g. A-Levels, IB, etc.), feel free to reach out for personalized guidance.

German Language Proficiency

English-taught programs

Most universities accept applicants with A1 or A2 proficiency in German.

German-taught programs

A minimum of C1-level proficiency is required.

If you do not meet direct entry requirements, you must hold at least a B1/B2 certificate in German before applying.

Tip: Starting early with German language learning increases your study and scholarship options!

Financial Proof

To study in Germany, you must demonstrate financial stability through one of the following:

- A blocked account with a minimum of €11,904 (2025 requirement)
- A scholarship from a recognized institution
- A financial sponsor who can support your studies and living expenses

Note: Undergraduate scholarships are limited, so begin your search early while still in your home country.

Career and Study Consultation Services

We offer one-on-one career counseling and have already helped over 20 students secure placements in undergraduate and master's degree programs in Germany.

How We Can Help You

- ✓Personalized university selection
- ✓Application process guidance
- ✓Visa and documentation support

Ready to Take the Next Step?

If you meet the qualifications above, book a personal consultation session with our advisors to receive tailored guidance on:

- ☐ Course selection guidance
- ☐ Language proficiency preparation
- ☐ University application strategy

- ☐ Visa and financial documentation support
- ☐ Scholarship opportunity assessment
- Career path development planning

2. Postgraduate Studies

Master's Degree Programs in Germany

Requirements and Guidance for Kenyan Students

Are you planning to pursue your master's studies in Germany? Whether you're seeking English-taught programs or specialized fields in German, this guide outlines the key requirements for Kenyan and other international students.

At the International Institute for Foreign Languages and Hospitality Management (IIFLHM), we offer personalized guidance to help students successfully navigate their postgraduate journey in Germany.

Master's Degree Application Requirements for Kenyan Students

☒ **General Requirements**

1. Bachelor's Degree

- A recognized undergraduate degree (usually with a GPA of at least Second Class Upper or equivalent)
- The degree should be related to the Master's program you're applying for

2. Proof of English or German Language Proficiency

For English-taught programs:

- TOEFL (typically ≥ 80 iBT)
- IELTS (typically ≥ 6.0 or 6.5)

For German-taught programs:

- TestDaF, DSH, or Goethe-Institut certificates

- Usually B2 or C1 level required

Required Documents

- 1.Passport (valid)
- 2.Bachelor's degree certificate
- 3.Transcript of academic records
- 4.Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- 5.Letter of Motivation / Statement of Purpose
- 6.Two recommendation letters (academic or professional)
- 7.Language test certificates (English or German)
- 8.APS Certificate – Mandatory for Kenyans from 2023 onwards
- 9.Proof of application fee payment (if applicable)
- 10.Portfolio (for art/design programs)
- 11.Work experience (if required by the program)

APS = Akademische Prüfstelle – an academic verification process by the German Embassy

Application Process

1. Research universities and programs

Use platforms like:

2. Check program-specific requirements

Some programs require interviews, GRE, or specific academic backgrounds.

3. Apply via:

- University's own portal
- Or Uni-Assist, a central application platform

4. Apply for APS (Academic Evaluation Center)

Website: <https://aps-cert.de>

It validates your degree before you apply for a visa

5. Apply for a student visa at the German Embassy Nairobi

You'll need a blocked bank account (about €11,208/year) or scholarship proof

Financial Requirements

- Blocked account (Sperrkonto): approx. €934/month (~ KES 130,000), total ~€11,208/year
- OR: a DAAD scholarship / sponsorship letter
- Proof of accommodation (in some cases)

Tips for Kenyan Applicants

- Start at least 6–12 months in advance of the semester
- Most intakes are in October (Winter) and April (Summer)
- Apply early for APS and visa—they take time!
- Strong motivation letters and clear academic goals really matter

Financial Requirements for Studying in Germany

To obtain a student visa, you must demonstrate sufficient financial resources through one of these approved methods:

Blocked Account

Minimum deposit of €11,904 (2025 requirement) in a German blocked account

Scholarship

Official funding from recognized institutions or government programs

Sponsorship

Notarized financial support from a qualified sponsor in Germany

Important Advice

While scholarships are available for international students, most are highly competitive. Begin your scholarship search at least 12 months before your intended start date, and consider applying to multiple funding sources to increase your chances.

Our Career Consultation Services

Do you meet the requirements listed above? Let us help you move forward with your master's degree application.

How We Can Help

- ✓Program selection guidance
- ✓Application process support
- ✓Visa documentation assistance
- ✓APS certification guidance
- ✓Financial planning advice

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Book a one-on-one consultation to begin your master's degree journey in Germany.

Shape your future. Study in Germany.

Let IIFLHM be your bridge to success.

Working with the opportunity card in Germany

Use your vocational training to emigrate to Germany

Start Now

Opportunity map Germany

With the opportunity card, people from non-EU countries can travel to Germany to find a suitable job there. They do not have to present a fixed employment contract. The chance card is given to who is recognised as a specialist, or who scores at least six points in the points system. In addition, the living must be secured for the time of the stay.

Easy, quick and legal entry to Germany

Securing your living with a good income

Possibility to stay permanently in germany

Immediate work permit after successful application

Working with the opportunity card in Germany

The opportunity map makes it easier to find work for people in Germany. This means that applicants can work in Germany even without a lengthy recognition procedure. The prerequisite is a (at least) two-year vocational training or a university degree as well as simple German (A1) or English language skills (B2).

The opportunity card entitles you to a two-week trial work or to take up a side job (up to 20 hours a week). Persons with opportunity card may stay in Germany for one year. During this time, the focus should be on job search. An extension of the chances card by up to another two years is possible under strict conditions. You must apply for the extension at the local immigration authority.

Prerequisites for the Chance Card

Based on the points system, you can compare the required selection criteria with your own requirements. In total, you need to score six points to get the winning card. The basic prerequisites are German language skills at level A1 or English language skills at level B2 as well as a (at least) two-year vocational training or a university degree that is recognised in the country of origin. In addition, you need to prove that you are financially secure, for example via a side job (up to 20 hours a week). You can prove this by means of an employment contract. (There are no points for these basic requirements yet!) Other criteria for the point awarding system include language skills, professional experience, age and "related to Germany". The date of the application is decisive for the age characteristics.

Point distribution for the chance card at a glance

- **Basic prerequisite** : Sufficient German language skills at level A1 or English skills at Level B2 and at least two years of vocational training according to the rules of the country of origin. You must also have sufficient funds. Proof of this can be provided, for example, with the help of an employment contract for an off-party employment (up to 20 hours per week).

- **4 points** are available for the partial recognition of a foreign occupation or for the permission to pursue a regulated profession (e.g. Educators, nurses or engineers). Very very candidates meet these criteria.
- **There are 3 points** for five years of professional experience (in the last seven years) in the skilled profession as well as a previous two-year vocational training according to the rules of the country of origin. Alternatively, you get 3 points for good German language skills at the B2 level.
- **There are 2 points** for a two years of professional experience with preceding vocational training (in the last five years). If you are not older than 35 years old, you will also get 2 points. In addition, sufficient German language skills at language level B1 are assessed with two points.
- **1 point** is available for applicants who are not older than 40 years of age and for a previous stay in Germany (at least six months). You must prove this by means of documents. Touristic pre-stays are not one of them.
- **1 point** is also available for very good English language skills (C1), sufficient German language skills (A2), an education in bottleneck occupations or, if you apply for the opportunity card together with your spouse.

Endack our opportunity card offers

Block account

The prerequisite for receiving the opportunity card is proof of sufficient funds to cover your livelihood.

Block account

Health insurance

To live and work in Germany, you need to take out health insurance. We have found the best one for you.

Health insurance

Becoming an Au Pair in Germany as a Kenyan citizen is possible and quite popular. Here are the main requirements you must meet to qualif

Basic Requirements (General for All Nationalities)

1. Age Limit

You must be between 18 and 26 years old.

2. German Language Skills

You need to have basic knowledge of German (at least A1 level).

A recognized language certificate, such as from the Goethe-Institut, is often required.

3. Valid Passport

You must have a valid Kenyan passport.

4. No Children

You must not have children of your own.

DE Specific Requirements for Kenyans

5. Visa Application

You must apply for an Au Pair visa at the German Embassy in Nairobi.

It's a National Visa (long stay / D-Visa).

6. Host Family

You must find a host family in Germany before applying for the visa.

The family must:

Be native German speakers.

Have at least one child under 1

Provide a contract (signed by both parties) outlining your duties, hours, and benefits.

Documents Needed for Visa Application

1. Au Pair contract (original and copy)

2. Invitation letter from the host family

3. Passport (valid at least 6 months)

4. 2 biometric passport photos
5. Proof of A1 German certificate (Goethe or TELC)
6. Motivation letter
7. CV (Curriculum Vitae)
8. Health insurance coverage for the duration of your stay (can be arranged by host family)
9. Visa application form
10. Visa fee – about €75 (in KES)

Duration of Stay

You can stay in Germany as an Au Pair for 6 to 12 months only.

It is not extendable beyond 12 months.

What You Get as an Au Pair

Pocket money: About €280 per month

Free accommodation and food

Paid language course support (usually €50/month contribution from host family)

One day off per week (and at least one Sunday off per month)

Important Notes

You are not allowed to work another job while on an Au Pair visa.

After your Au Pair stay, it's sometimes possible to transition to:

Student visa

FSJ (voluntary social year)

Ausbildung (vocational training)