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SCHENGEN VISAS FOR AIRPORT TRANSIT

Following are the requirements for residents of Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Turks & Caicos Islands who wish to pass through the international transit area of airports in Germany

International passport holders - **unless listed below ***** - do **not** require a Schengen visa for airport transits through Germany, if

- their connecting flight is within 24 hours, and
- they **only have one transit stop** in the Schengen area, and
- they do not leave the **international transit area** (for example Terminals 1 and 2 in Frankfurt)

International passport holders are **only** required to have a Schengen visa for transiting through German airports **if these pre-requisites do not apply.**

***** Nationals of the following countries always require a visa to transit through German airports:**

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan (only in specific cases), Lebanon, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria and Turkey.

Where and how to apply

Your visa application must be submitted in person. You are required to make an online visa appointment which may be booked as early as 6 months (for seamen 9 months) in advance, but should not be scheduled later than 15 days prior to your travel date to ensure sufficient time to process your application. Please schedule your appointment free of charge [here](#). Once you have made the visa appointment you will receive a confirmation email showing the date and time. Please note that your appointment will be cancelled if you miss your assigned slot.

Required documents

Only complete applications with **original** documents and a copy of all original documents can be accepted. **The Embassy reserves the right to ask for further supporting documents and/or information.** Submitting a complete application file does not necessarily mean that the visa will be granted. Each applicant has to furnish his/her own complete application file with all relevant documents.

- o One completed and signed visa application form. Please find the relevant forms [here](#).
- o Valid passport. The passport has to be issued within the previous ten years and has to have at least two empty pages available. The passport must be valid for at least three months longer than the intended stay in the Schengen territory. Please include previous passports, either valid or cancelled. Where applicable, submit work / residence permit that is valid at least until your return to your place of residence.
- o a copy of all previously issued Schengen visas, including the pages with the entry and exit stamps from the Schengen area

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- two recent and biometric passport size photographs. Please do not attach to the application form and check the requirements for photographs [here](#).
 - confirmed flight itinerary to your final destination which must state clearly if you change Airport Terminals in Germany or if you have to leave the international transit area. **Please do not purchase a ticket before the visa is actually granted!**
 - a valid visa for your final destination and for all other countries that you may be transiting through
 - **an original signed job letter** stating position, hiring date, income, approved leave or purpose of travel etc. or, if you are self-employed, the registration certificate of your business (certificate of incorporation, articles of memorandum)
 - a recent **letter from your bank stating exact figures and account details from the previous three months** or a bank letter of the company sponsoring your trip
 - **if you intend to leave the transit area** – for example **to check in again for your separately booked connecting flight** - you will need to provide Travel health insurance with Schengen-wide coverage for medical, emergency and repatriation expenses to cover the dates you will be in the Schengen area. The minimum coverage has to be at least 30,000 € and your insurance has to have a representative office in one of the Schengen states. Upfront coverage with minimal deductible is required.
- IF you already have adequate travel health insurance, please present a confirmation letter from your health insurance provider.**

Visa Fees

Visa fees are **non-refundable** and **payable ONLY**

- **in US-Dollars cash** according to the exchange rate of the Embassy
- **OR**
- **by credit card** which is billed in Euros (Mastercard or Visa only). **The credit card holder must be present.**

Visa fees are calculated from €80.00 for applicants who are 12 years or older and €40.00 for children 6 to 11 years of age. Visa Fees are waived for children under the age of 6 years, spouses and children of German or other EU-citizens and parents of German or other EU minors. In these cases, please include a copy of the marriage or birth certificate and the German or EU-passport of the relevant person.

The Embassy does **not accept** US\$50.00 or US\$100.00 bills. The bills accepted cannot be older than 2000 and have to be in good condition, not torn or damaged in any way.

Processing time

The processing time is normally fifteen (15) working days but may take up to forty-five (45) working days in individual cases.

Passports may be **collected** during the opening hours of the visa section. For a pick-up by a third party, please ensure that the bearer has a signed and dated authorisation from you. In order to have the passport **delivered to you by courier**, please submit a signed “Declaration of Waiver and Hold Harmless” (annex 1) with your visa application. The Embassy will have it sent to your Jamaican address C.O.D. by inland courier. Residents of the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands are kindly asked to leave a passport copy with the Embassy and may send their passport together with a prepaid Air Way Bill for a courier service of their choice in case they wish to return to their place of residence before their visa application has been processed.

The applicant is obliged to provide all information to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. If he/she knowingly furnishes false or incomplete information and/or provides false or falsified documents, the visa application will be refused.

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