



German Missions
in the United States

Airport Transit Visa

Nationals of the following countries are required to be in possession of an airport transit visa when passing through the international transit area of airports in Germany:

Afghanistan	Ghana	Lebanon	South Sudan
Bangladesh	India	Mali	Sri Lanka
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Iran	Nigeria	Sudan
Eritrea	Iraq	Pakistan	Syria
Ethiopia	Jordan ^{*1}	Somalia	Turkey ^{*2}

Exceptions:

Nationals of above listed countries do NOT require an airport transit visa if

1. they hold a valid visa for the United States of America, or
2. they hold a used valid or expired visa issued by the US, return from the US and travel to a non-Schengen Member State within 24 hours after the visa expired, or
3. they hold one of the following residence permits:
 - × Form I-551 permanent resident card (valid for 2 to 10 years),
 - × Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (valid for 2 to 10 years),
 - × Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (no expiry date),
 - × Form I-327 Re-entry document (valid for two years — issued to holders of a I-551)
 - × Resident alien card (valid for 2 or 10 years or no expiry date. This document guarantees the holder's return only if his stay outside the US has not exceeded one year),
 - × Permit to re-enter (valid for two years. This document guarantees the holder's return only if his stay outside the US has not exceeded two years),
 - × Valid temporary residence stamp in a valid passport (valid for one year from the date of issue).

Please see also the exceptions that apply based on [Annex V](#) visa codex.

Please note that the advance parole (I-512) and the approval notice (I-797) are not valid documents for a visa free airport transit. An airport transit visa must be obtained.

4. they hold a valid visa for a Schengen Member State, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Japan or Romania, or
5. they hold a used valid or expired visa issued by Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Japan or Romania and return from the country of visa issuance and travel to a non-Schengen Member State.

Additional exceptions according to marked * countries above:

*1 Jordanian nationals do NOT require an Airport Transit Visa:

× if they hold a visa for either Australia, Israel or New Zealand and the confirmed flight ticket or boarding card for the flight. This applies only to flights to above mentioned countries and return flights from these countries to Jordan.

× on your return to Jordan from above mentioned countries: confirmed flight ticket or boarding pass is compulsory.

× Transit time in Germany is not to exceed 12 hours.

*2 Turkish holders of Service and Official passports do NOT require an Airport Transit Visa for Germany.

Please note that an airport transit visa only allows a short stay in the international transit area of some airports:

The airline has to arrange the transit beforehand with the authorities responsible for cross-border security (the Federal Police). Allow at least 75 minutes of **connecting time**.

Not all airports are open 24 hours. Please check on the website of your transit airport if the opening hours allow an airport transit at the time of your entry.

Airport transit privilege does not apply and you will need a visitor visa if

1. you have to pick up your baggage and/or have to check-in again (please verify with your airline) or
2. you are transiting through two or more airports in the Schengen Countries (for example: Miami-Frankfurt-Paris-India or New York-Frankfurt-Munich-India) or
3. you hold an open ticket.

This information sheet has been prepared with utmost care. It is intended to provide a point of reference to our clients but may not be fully applicable to every individual case. If you have further, more specific questions which are not answered by the information contained here nor on our website www.germany.info/visa, please contact the German Embassy/Consulate General serving your U.S. home state.