

Germany Document Checklist

For applicants from Pakistan, India & Bangladesh — Ausbildung and university routes.

Attestation body by country

Document	What you need / attestation
Pakistan	IBCC (school certificates) + HEC (degrees). No APS office — verification via uni-assist for universities.
India	APS India certificate is mandatory for university admission (not for Ausbildung).
Bangladesh	Educational-document attestation; no dedicated APS office — verification via uni-assist. Confirm current rule.

Core documents — every applicant

Document	What you need / attestation
Valid passport	At least 12 months validity; copies of all pages with stamps.
Passport photos	Biometric, recent (German embassy spec).
Academic certificates	Original + attested copies + certified English/German translations.
CV / Lebenslauf	German tabular format (see TFC template).
Language certificate	Goethe/telc/ÖSD/IELTS as required by the route.
Health insurance	Proof of coverage for the visa (travel + statutory once enrolled).
Proof of funds	Blocked account (Sperrkonto) or, for Ausbildung with a contract, the training salary may count.
Visa application form	Completed national (D) visa form + declaration.

Ausbildung route — additional

Document	What you need / attestation
Ausbildungsvertrag	Signed training contract with the German employer.
German level B1/B2	B1 general; B2 for healthcare (nursing, care, MFA).
Motivation letter	Tailored per employer (see TFC template).
Recognition (if needed)	Anerkennung of prior qualifications where relevant.

University route — additional

Document	What you need / attestation
Admission / offer letter	Zulassungsbescheid from the university.
APS certificate	India: mandatory. Pakistan/Bangladesh: not via APS — use uni-assist/attestation.
uni-assist VPD	Where the university requires a preliminary documentation check.
Blocked account	Student minimum (see TFC blocked-account guidance).

Order of steps (do these early)

- 1 Start German classes now — language is the usual bottleneck.
- 2 Get certificates attested (IBCC/HEC or APS) — this takes weeks.
- 3 Secure admission or an Ausbildung contract.
- 4 Open the blocked account and assemble proof of funds.
- 5 Book the embassy/VFS appointment as early as possible — waits can be long.

Free resource from The Future Consultants (tfcstudy.com). Rules and figures change — always confirm the current requirement with the official source (German embassy, uni-assist, DAAD) for your case.