



How to apply for a transit visa

There are two different types of transit:

1: Airport transit:

You fly to a non-Schengen country via a German airport without leaving the international transit area or passing the passport control. (Only possible at the following airports: Frankfurt/Main, Munich and temporarily restricted also at Hamburg, Düsseldorf und Cologne-Bonn).

Airport Transit Visas for Germany are generally required by nationals of the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria and Turkey.

Nationals of the above mentioned countries do NOT require an airport transit visa if:

- they are holders of diplomatic passports or
- they possess a valid visa or residence permit of Schengen-member state or
- they are a spouse, parent or minor child of an EU/EEA national and are entitled to move freely within the member states or
- they possess a residence permit for Andorra, Canada, Japan, Monaco, San Marino or the United States of America that is guaranteeing the holder's unconditional readmission or
- they are in possession of a valid visa for an EU/EEA member state, Canada, Japan or the United States of America and travel to or return from these countries

The following documents (originals and 1 copy each) are required to process your application:

- application form filled in completely and signed by the applicant himself / herself
- 2 biometric passport photos (not older than 6 months, no self-made print-outs)
- valid passport, issued within the previous ten years, containing at least two blank pages and valid for at least three months after the intended return to Turkey
- flight ticket or reservation
- a valid visa, residence permit or other documents enabling you to enter your country of destination

2: Transit through at least two Schengen-member states:

You fly to a non-Schengen country via at least two airports within the Schengen-area (the first stop has to be at a German airport).

An airport transit visa is not sufficient. You require a tourist or business visa (depending on your purpose of stay). Please see the information sheets for tourist or business visas and submit your application accordingly.