

Professional athletes and professional coaches, conducting activities that are planned in German sports clubs

It is strongly recommended to provide a complete set of documents in accordance with the list of requirements below in order to avoid delays in visa processing.

The decision to issue a visa is the responsibility of the (competent) German diplomatic or consular mission in Russia. Please note: The Diplomatic mission has the right to request additional or missing documents, which may increase the time for consideration of your application.

Applicants must have with them the originals of all necessary documents and their copies.

When applying for persons under the age of 18, please read the "**Minors**" memo on the VisaMetric website.

- **[Printed completed visa application form \(original\)](#)**

One application for the issuance of a national visa filled out in German and signed with his own hand, including explanations in accordance with sections 53, 54 of the Law on Stay in the Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

For minors, the visa application is signed by both parents or a legal representative-guardian. The signatures of both parents must be decrypted.

- **Contact form for the Consulate**
(see the "Forms" section)

- **2 up-to-date biometric passport-format photos taken no earlier than 6 months ago at the time of application submission, on a white background, 45x35 mm in size**

Please attach one photo to application (despite the "do not attach" indication on the application) and bring a second photo with you.

- **Passport with 1 copy of the page with personal data.**

The passport must be signed and contain at least 3 free pages. Must be valid for at least 9 months from the start date of the trip.

- **A general passport with 1 copy of the page with personal data and 1 copy of all pages with the information entered.**

For citizens who do not own Russian citizenship – a temporary residence permit / residence permit in Russia with 1 copy.

- **A medical insurance policy issued in the EU, with 1 copy.** Medical insurance can be provided upon receipt of a visa. Only medical insurance issued in the EU countries are accepted for consideration.

- **Guaranteed offer of a workplace or an employment contract** with a German sports club with 1 copy indicating:

- Salary without deductions and taxes (in the amount of at least 50 percent of the maximum amount of contributions under the Pension Insurance law. The maximum size of the base for calculation is adjusted annually. For 2025, the minimum wage is 4.025 euros per month, excluding deductions and taxes),
- Duration of labor relations,
- Detailed description of work activity,
- Places of work.

- **The form "[Application for employment relations](#)"** – this form must be filled out by the future employer with 1 copy.

- **Proof of sports qualification** in the form of confirmation of the relevant sports association in agreement with the Olympic Sports Confederation in Germany - with 1 copy.

Agreement with the Olympic Sports Confederation in Germany is generally considered legitimate if the activities will take place in the highest playing and/or competitive class (for football in the second Bundesliga).

- **For applicants under the age of 18:**

- **Notarized consent** of persons with parental (guardianship) rights to travel abroad unaccompanied and for a long (!) stay of the child on the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany with a certified translation into German and

with 1 copy, as well as

- **A document certifying the identity of persons with parental rights** with 1 copy.
- **The applicant's birth certificate** with an apostille and a certified translation into German with 1 copy.

Important information:

- The requested visa entitles you exclusively not to stay as a professional athlete or professional coach.
- To stay as a professional athlete or professional coach, applicants must be at least 16 years old.
- If the spouse/minor children are scheduled to move: The submission of documents for a national visa is carried out jointly with the main applicant - with the athlete. It is necessary to provide documents according to the memos "Visa for reunification with a spouse who has citizenship or residence permit in Germany"/ "Visa for reunification of a minor child with a person who has parental rights and has citizenship or residence permit in Germany", in this case, providing a certificate at the place of registration, as well as a copy of the permit to stay in Germany of the main applicant (athlete) is not required.
- In some cases, as well as in the process of reviewing documents, additional documents not specified in this memo may be requested.
- All documents issued in a language other than German must be provided with a translation into German. Translations made by a translator in the Russian Federation must be notarized. For translations made by a sworn translator in Germany, notarization is not required.
- Translation of general and foreign passports, as well as medical insurance into German is **not** required.
- All original documents and their translations must be provided with 1 copy. Notarization of copies of documents is **not** required.
- Pay attention to the completeness of the submitted documents! An incomplete set of documents may cause a refusal to issue a national visa.

Checklist

This checklist is used exclusively for self-control and preparation of documents for submission.

Please distribute all the documents attached to the application in the following order.

The set must contain all originals (civil status documents, diplomas, passports, etc.) and copies of all documents in the following order. These originals will be returned to you immediately after their verification at the time of submission of documents.

- 1 photo;
- a statement with a photo pasted on;
- health insurance issued in the EU;
- employment contract/guaranteed workplace offer;
- form "Application for employment relations";
- confirmation of sports qualifications;
- for applicants under the age of 18:
 - notarized parental consent,
 - a document certifying the identity of persons with parental rights ,
 - birth certificate.
- if available, other confirmations,
- civil passport + a copy of the page with personal data + copies of the pages with the information entered;
- a foreign passport + a copy of the page with personal data +, if necessary, a copy of a temporary residence permit or a residence permit in the Russian Federation.

This memo is updated if necessary and does not claim to be complete.