Notes

1. See a brief of the relevant section. To obtain a detailed overview, please contact the German Rectors' Conference.

2. The oversight of a study assistant is subject to the entire institutional framework (see also section 18b (1) of the Residence Act).

3. For further details, please see section 18b (2) of the Residence Act.

4. According to section 18b (2) of the Residence Act, state universities and universities of applied sciences are considered the same. However, the Higher Education and Research Act (Wissenschaftsfinanzierungsordnung) is not applicable to universities of applied sciences.

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6. Doctoral candidates fall within the group of section 18d Residence Act.

7. See section 18c (1) sentence 1 no. 4 in conjunction with section 16b (2) of the Residence Act.

8. The Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) announces the minimum income for each calendar year by Federal Gazette (SGB II) plus adequate rental costs effectively paid.

9. Subsistence must be secured pursuant to section 9 (2) sentence 1 no. 7 Residence Act. 'Sufficient' income' must be provided separately (see section 18d (1) Residence Act).

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11. See section 16b (1) sentence 4 Residence Act. Student activities for university-related organisations with the subject of research are exempt from the fees for the issuance of a visa or a resident title pursuant to section 52 (5) no.1 AufenthV. However, deals exclusively with doctoral candidates who are granted the ‘BAföG’ grant (853 €/month).

12. See section 18c (1) Residence Act.

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14. See section 18b (2): The following is valid for all highly qualified employees with a university degree: With an adequate health insurance coverage, without recourse to public funds for the time of his or her stay in Germany (see section 19f (3) sentence 2 Residence Act).

15. See section 18c (2) Residence Act in conjunction with section 45 Ordinance on Residence (AufenthV).

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17. See section 32 (2) Residence Act.

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19. See section 18d (1) sentence 1 no.1 b Residence Act.

20. See section 16b (2) Residence Act.

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22. See section 18d (4) Residence Act.

23. See sections 27, 30 (1) sentence 1 no. 3 g), sentence 3 no. 5 of Title I of Book II of the German Social Code (SGB II) plus adequate rental costs effectively paid.

24. In principle, proof of basic German language skills is required for spouses pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 1 no. 2 Residence Act. The Anabin database contains the degrees whose higher education institutions are recognised in the German context. The declaration of assumption of costs serves exclusively to provide a comparative overview; it is not to be interpreted as a professional or legal advice.


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27. See section 30 (1) sentence 3 no. 5 Residence Act.

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29. See section 18b (2) sentence 1 and sentence 2 Residence Act.

30. See section 18c (1) Residence Act.

31. See section 18d (1) Residence Act.

32. See esp. section 30 (1) no. 3 e) Residence Act: The marriage of foreign citizens to each other is exempt from the legal provisions for residence of the respective country.

33. See sections 27, 30 (1) sentence 1 no. 3 g), sentence 3 no. 5 of Title I of Book II of the German Social Code (SGB II) plus adequate rental costs effectively paid.

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44. See section 62 (2) Income Tax Act (EStG).

45. See section 32 (2) no. 2 Residence Act.

46. See section 45 Ordinance on Residence (AufenthV).

47. See section 16b (3) sentence 1 Residence Act. Student activities for university-related organisations with the subject of research are exempt from the fees for the issuance of a visa or a resident title pursuant to section 52 (5) no.1 AufenthV. However, deals exclusively with doctoral candidates who are granted the ‘BAföG’ grant (853 €/month).


49. See section 18c (1) sentence 2 Residence Act.

50. See section 18c (2) Residence Act in conjunction with section 45 Ordinance on Residence (AufenthV).


52. See section 18b (2) Residence Act.

53. Art. 28, 29 REST-Directive (EU) 2016/801 in conjunction with section 16b Residence Act. The Anabin database contains the degrees whose higher education institutions are recognised in the German context. The declaration of assumption of costs serves exclusively to provide a comparative overview; it is not to be interpreted as a professional or legal advice.

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