

Information for students

-blocked accounts-

As part of your student visa application, you are required to provide the proof of sufficient funds to cover your living expenses in Germany.

One option to fulfil this requirement would be to open a blocked account at a branch of **Kotak Mahindra Bank** in India.

You can contact any branch of Kotak Mahindra in India and request opening of a blocked account for student visa for Germany. You will have to present proof of opening of such account at the time of applying for your visa. After having arrived in Germany, you can request Kotak Mahindra Bank to transfer the full deposited amount into a blocked account at any local bank in Germany.

Please submit the e-mail confirmation regarding the activation of your blocked account and the transfer of the amount of at least 8.640,00 Euro at your visa interview.

You can also open a blocked account in Germany. Currently three institutions in Germany, Deutsche Bank, Fintiba/Sutor Bank and X-Patrio offer this service to students prior to their arrival in Germany.

For further information, please click here:

<https://www.deutsche-bank.de/pk/konto-und-karte/konten-im-ueberblick/internationale-studenten1.html>

<https://www.fintiba.com/our-offering/>

<https://www.x-patrio.com>

Additional information on Deutsche Bank blocked accounts:

It is not mandatory to open an additional account at a local branch of Deutsche Bank and it is also not required to take out any services (including insurances) offered.

The German Missions cannot help you to obtain and fill out the form for the blocked account.

Once you have received the account opening form, please address your competent German Mission for the attestation of your signature.

For the attestation you need to submit

- your passport
- a copy of your passport's data page
- the account opening form (filled out, but not signed)
- your admission letter, if applicable

The fee for the attestation is 20 EUR (payable in Rupees, cash only)

IMPORTANT: In accordance with new regulations, the application for the Deutsche Bank blocked account has to be sent to Germany by the German Mission, not by the applicant. Please submit a pre-paid envelope or proof of pre-paid courier service (pick-up at the German Mission is only possible on working days between 9 am and 12 noon) with envelope together with your documents.