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## For Your Information

Conditions for the receipt of a

### **one-year-visa for the purpose of attending a language course**

in the Federal Republic of Germany.

In a letter from the Auswärtiges Amt (Ministry for Foreign Affairs), our attention was drawn to the conditions for the receipt of a visa for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany.

You can obtain this visa from the German Embassy or from the regional consulate of the FRG in your home country.

When you apply you must bring with you:

- a valid passport;
- two application forms filled out completely and if possible in German;
- confirmation from a German language school that you have registered for a language course with a minimum of 20 lessons per week (i.e. the enclosed confirmation of registration by BiBiS);
- an international health insurance certificate valid for the FRG, or other evidence that you have health insurance coverage while staying in Germany.
- confirmation from your parents or some other person that they undertake to support you during your stay in the FRG; or block account
- evidence of adequate accommodation.

In addition you must have sufficient financial means to cover both the fees for the language course and the cost of living for the full duration of your stay in the FRG. You must give proof of this at the embassy or the consulate.

When these prerequisites have been fulfilled you will first be granted a visa for three months, which can then be renewed for a further nine.

A residence permit for the purpose of attending a language course at the Bielefelder Schulverein cannot be granted for more than one year.

If you wish to study at a university after your language course, it is possible for you to do so on condition that during your one-year language course you submit evidence that you have a place at university or in a preliminary course. If you can prove this, your residence permit will normally be extended for one year in each case.

#### **Tourist Visas cannot be converted into visas for language courses.**

All the necessary paperwork must be submitted together with the application. Your application will not be considered before everything is complete.

Please start the formalities necessary for obtaining your visa early, as they can take a considerable time (up to three months) to complete.