

## Who needs an electronic residence permit?

You need an electronic residence permit if you neither have a valid EU passport nor a visa that is valid for your entire stay.

If you need to apply for an electronic residence permit in Konstanz, you must bring a proof of finance which you must show to Konstanz Immigration Authorities when you apply for the residence permit.

## Proof of finance

You have four different options:

**1) a financial guarantee from a parent**, i.e. a **“Parental Statement”** signed by a parent and authorized by the International Office at your home university. The Parental Statement must be signed by the parent who has a regular income. Only the original will be accepted (!!), so please bring the original document with you.

**The original Parental Statement must be accompanied by a) a current bank statement or b) an income statement of the same parent who has signed the Parental Statement.**

a) The bank statement must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Latest bank statements (for the last 3 months) with income (parent’s salary in this case) clearly marked
- It must belong to the same parent member who signed the Parental Statement.
- It must show that your parent is able to pay at least 853 € for your stay in Germany each month.
- The bank statement must clearly show the name of the bank, the name of the account holder and the used currency.
- It must not be older than 3 months from the date of applying for the electronic residence permit in Konstanz in October/April.
- It must be in German or in English.
- Scans or copies from an online account are accepted.
- Savings/deposit account bank statements or tax repay statements are NOT accepted

b) The income statement must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Salary verification form: a letter from your parent’s employer clearly showing the income (parent’s salary in this case) for the last 3 months

- It must belong to the same parent member who signed the Parental Statement and it must show the name of your parent.
- It must show that your parent is able to pay at least 853 € for your stay in Germany each month.
- It must be in English or in German and the currency must be clear.
- It must not be older than 3 months from the date of applying for the electronic residence permit in Konstanz in October/April.

**2) a formal obligation** ("Verpflichtungserklärung") signed by a parent in person at the German Embassy / Consulate by presenting a current bank statement. In case your parents will sign the formal obligation, please make sure you get the orange and green copy of the formal obligation for your residence permit application here in Konstanz. It is also crucial that the German Embassy/Consulate has ticked "nachgewiesen" (proven) at the very end of the document.

**3) a blocked account**: If your parents don't anymore earn a regular income as they are for example retired, and if you don't have a "Verpflichtungserklärung", you have to open a blocked account.

- A blocked account is a bank account from which a particular amount of money is blocked (at least 5118 Euro if you stay for one semester > 853 Euro per month for 6 months). From this account, you can only withdraw a fixed sum per month (this sum must be 853 € or more per month of your stay in Konstanz).
- If you need a blocked account, you can either do it online with the bank please contact the International Office and we will help you to open one in Konstanz.

If you have already opened a blocked account for your visa application, please bring a letter which confirms that you have a blocked account.

**4) a scholarship confirmation** of a German foundation/university or from your home country. If your scholarship grants you less than 853 € per month, you need to bring another proof of finance to cover the difference.