

FAQs on the APS India certificate

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1. What is “APS India”?

The Academic Evaluation Center (APS) - part of the German Embassy in New Delhi - is a specific institution responsible for students applying to universities in Germany. Most students from India, Vietnam, Mainland China and Mongolia have to go through the APS, as the number of applicants is very high. APS India issues the APS certificate, which confirms that your documents are genuine and valid so that you can be admitted to a degree program in Germany. In other words, if your application for the APS certificate is successful, you will receive the certificate that allows you to apply for a German student visa through the VFS and at German universities.

Attention: The APS certificate is valid for an unlimited period of time.

2. Why do I need to apply for an APS certificate?

Holding an APS certificate simplifies the process of applying to German universities and accelerates your student visa application. An original certificate issued by the APS is mandatory for your student visa application.

Please note: Students sponsored by German or EU-funded scholarships need not apply for APS certification.

3. Is it mandatory for Indian students to have APS certification?

Yes, the APS certificate is mandatory for almost all Indian students. Without an APS certificate, Indian students cannot apply for a student visa. Therefore, every applicant from India who wishes to go to university in Germany must go through the APS.



Exceptions: Indian students do not need the APS certificate in the following cases:

- If they are sponsored by German or EU-funded scholarships.
- If they are doctoral students whose supervisor does not require the document for enrolment.
- If they hold international school (e.g. A-Levels, International Baccalaureate) or university qualifications.

Please note: Indian students who wish to complete a short course (less than 90 days) in Germany do not need an APS certificate.

4. Is the APS necessary for applications to the University of Applied Sciences Erfurt?

Yes, it is. The APS certificate also simplifies the admissions procedure, as it confirms your eligibility to study. Therefore, you have to go through the APS procedure before applying to our university.

5. How do you apply for an APS certificate in India?

Indian students can apply for an APS certificate in 5 easy steps:

1. Find out what is required in your individual case
2. Assemble all the documents that are required
3. [Register online](#)
4. Transfer the verification fee
5. Submit all the required documents together with a signed printout of the online application form

6. What documents are needed for an APS certificate?

The documents required to obtain the APS certificate differ depending on whether you intend to do your Bachelor's, Master's or Ph.D. in Germany.

On the [APS India website](#), you will find checklists listing the documents you need depending on your qualifications.

Please note that only documents translated from any of the Indian regional languages into English must be notarized.

7. Is TestAS required?

Applicants who have not yet graduated with an Indian Bachelor's degree and who are seeking admission to a Bachelor's program in Germany are required to submit a TestAS score. Applicants who have passed JEE Main and Advanced are exempted.

8. How much does an APS certificate cost?

The APS verification fee is 18,000/- INR. Indian students have to transfer this fee to the APS bank account.

Please note that the money is non-refundable once it has been transferred. No exceptions will be made.

While the APS certificate is not free of charge, it is valid for an unlimited period of time (for the qualification you aim to attain).

9. How can I submit my application to APS India?

After you have finished preparing your application with all the necessary documents, you will need to send it by courier. It is currently not possible to hand in your applications in person.

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be processed.

10. How long does it take for applications to be processed?

APS India needs about 3-4 weeks to process your application. The APS office usually starts processing your application as soon as your payment has been received.

Please note: Please understand that due to the large number of applications, the processing time has drastically increased. While verification of your application itself generally takes about a month, some administrative work is required before APS India can start processing your application.

Once your application has been physically opened, the one-month processing period begins.

If your application is successful, a courier service will send your five APS certificates to the address specified in your application. If you require an extra copy, you will need to pay 500 INR.

11. Are interviews carried out for APS India?

Interviews are not always part of the APS application process for Indian applicants.

In general, applicants who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at an Indian university but have not yet graduated may be invited for an interview. The APS reserves the right to invite any applicant for an interview if necessary.

If an interview is scheduled, you will be contacted by phone or email and informed about the place and date of the interview approximately 10-14 days before the appointment.

The main purpose of the interview is to determine whether your knowledge of the subject you have studied at university in India is adequate.

Applicants will receive their APS certificate within two weeks after successful completion of the interview.

Please note: Interviews are only carried out once. If you accept the appointment for your interview, you cannot reschedule.

12. When should you apply for APS India?

As quickly as possible!

Applying for the APS certificate, your visa appointment and the time needed to process the visa itself can take several months in total. To improve your chances of arriving in Germany before the semester begins, please make sure to act quickly.