



Bank Accounts in Germany - Identity Verification

Revised procedures for ID checks for German banks

Following the amendment of the German Money Laundering Act the German missions abroad can no longer notarize signatures or perform identity verification to open a new account, for loan applications of more than 15.000 Euro or similar cases. This also applies to credit card applications. Please contact the bank which sent you the documents on how to proceed.

Exempt from this new ruling are **blocked accounts for foreign students** who must apply for a student visa before entering Germany and who need to open an account in Germany in order to prove sufficient financial means for their stay in Germany. In these cases only, the German missions abroad are allowed to notarize signatures or to perform identity verification.

Blocked accounts for foreign students are currently offered by two German financial institutions. Please note that the aforementioned identity verification is necessary only for the second institution Deutsche Bank.

1. **Fintiba**, financial services company; for more information see: [Fintiba – Studying in Germany](#)
2. **Deutsche Bank**, banking company; for more information see: [Deutsche Bank – International Students](#)

For certification of your signature on applications for Deutsche Bank only, please visit the Consulate General in Dubai in person and present the following documents:

- **completed account opening form**
- **your valid passport** (black-white copy including the page with your signature)
- **copy of the admission letter from the university/language school**
- **evidence of the source of your funds:** e.g. bank statements (amount of not less than 34.600 AED) or wage/salary slip
- **prepaid envelope** (from a private service provider such as FedEx, DHL, UPS)

Please book an appointment for authentication/legalisation/certificates with the following link: [Booking an appointment at the Consulate General Dubai](#)

The **fee** for the certification of the signature is **20 EUR**. Please pay in cash in AED only.