

Joint Declaration
on measures
by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
for nationals of the Republic of Korea on working holidays
in the Federal Republic of Germany
and by the Government of the Republic of Korea
for nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany on working holidays
in the Republic of Korea

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea

- emphasize their common desire to promote closer cooperation between their countries,
- underscore their wish, in the interest of fostering mutual understanding between both countries, to make it easier for young nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea, respectively, to gain insights into culture and daily life in the Republic of Korea and the Federal Republic of Germany, respectively, while simultaneously acquiring work experience, and
- accordingly state their intention to take steps to enable young nationals of the Republic of Korea and the Federal Republic of Germany, respectively, to make an extended trip to the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, and
 - for the purpose of supplementing their funds for the trip or
 - for the purpose of work-related further trainingalso to take up employment on a casual basis in the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be,

and jointly declare as follows:

1. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea state their willingness, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea, respectively, to issue as from 19 April 2009 multiple entry visas valid for working holidays in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea, respectively, for a period of one year from the date of validity of the visa (hereinafter referred to as "working holiday visas") to nationals of the Republic of Korea or the Federal Republic of Germany, as the case may be, provided there are no reasons for refusal under national law and they

- a) are at least eighteen (18) and no more than thirty (30) years old at the time of applying for the visa;
- b) are not accompanied by family members entitled to maintenance;
- c) have not previously entered the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, on a working holiday visa;
- d) are in possession of a valid passport issued by the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as well as a return travel ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- e) have paid the relevant visa application fee;
- f) have sufficient funds for the period of their initial stay in the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be;
- g) can prove that for the duration of their stay in the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, they have valid insurance cover in the host country including, notably, liability insurance as well as health insurance covering also the cost of hospital treatment and repatriation to the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be;
- h) and are in good health.

2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany notes that applications for a working holiday visa for the Federal Republic of Germany are to be submitted to the diplomatic missions or consular posts of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Republic of Korea by the young nationals of the Republic of Korea.

3. The Government of the Republic of Korea notes that applications for a working holiday visa for the Republic of Korea are to be submitted to the diplomatic missions or consular posts of the Republic of Korea in the Federal Republic of Germany by the young nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany.

4. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea state their readiness to allow holders of working holiday visas to spend up to twelve (12) months in the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, and to permit them during their holiday to take up employment to supplement their funds for the trip.

5. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea emphasize that persons who enter the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, on a working holiday visa must respect the laws and regulations applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea, respectively.

6. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea state their intention to encourage youth, cultural and community organizations in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea, respectively, to make available appropriate advisory services for nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Korea, respectively, who have entered the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, for a working holiday.

7. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea are both of the opinion that

a) the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea, respectively, may, on a temporary basis, suspend the implementation of the aforementioned measures in whole or in part for reasons of public policy, including reasons of public security, order and health;

b) the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea, respectively, may revoke the aforementioned measures in whole or in part;

c) the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany or the Government of the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, should notify the Government of the Republic of Korea or the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany through diplomatic channels of any decision to

- (i) temporarily suspend these measures in whole or in part, or
- (ii) to revoke these measures in whole or in part

without delay, but at least three months prior to the date that such decision takes effect;

d) notwithstanding the suspension of the aforementioned measures in whole or in part or their revocation in whole or in part, any person who at the date of suspension or revocation already holds a valid working holiday visa will be permitted to enter and/or remain in the Federal Republic of Germany or the Republic of Korea, as the case may be, and to work in accordance with their visa until such visa expires, unless the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Korea come to some other arrangement;

e) this Joint Declaration may, following consultations between the two Governments, be modified or supplemented by agreement in writing at any time.

This Joint Declaration will be signed in duplicate in the German, Korean and English languages.

Hanover, 19 April 2009

For the Government of
the Federal Republic of Germany

For the Government of
the Republic of Korea

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Seoul, December 30, 2024

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea has the honor to refer to the Joint Declaration on measures by the Government of the Republic of Korea for nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany on working holidays in the Republic of Korea and by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for nationals of the Republic of Korea on working holidays in the Federal Republic of Germany, signed on April 19, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “Joint Declaration”) and to propose, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the following amendment to the Joint Declaration:

Subparagraph 1(a) will be revised to read as follows:

“(a) are at least eighteen (18) and no more than thirty-four (34) years old at the time of applying for the visa;

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea confirms that this amendment is not intended to create any legally binding obligations. All the activities under this amendment will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel and the laws and regulations of the respective countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea has the further honor to propose that this Note and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany’s Note in reply will confirm the amendment of the Joint Declaration, which will be effective from January 1st, 2025 and be considered an integral part of the Joint Declaration.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany the assurances of its highest consideration.





Botschaft
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Seoul

Seoul, December 30, 2024

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea's Note dated December 30, 2024 which reads as follows:

“The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea has the honor to refer to the Joint Declaration on measures by the Government of the Republic of Korea for nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany on working holidays in the Republic of Korea and by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for nationals of the Republic of Korea on working holidays in the Federal Republic of Germany, signed on April 19, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “Joint Declaration”) and to propose, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the following amendment to the Joint Declaration:

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany the assurances of its highest consideration.”

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany has the further honor to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea’s Note and this Note in reply thereto will constitute a confirmation of the amendment of the Joint Declaration, which will be effective starting from January 1st, 2025 and be considered an integral part of the Joint Declaration.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea the assurances of its highest consideration.

