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**Information Sheet for students living in
Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry:
How to open a blocked account**

1. What is a blocked account and why do I need it?

When you want to study in Germany, you will need money to cover your costs of living. This will include your fixed costs like rent or University administration fees, but also the costs for your every day living (food, clothes etc.)

In order to enter Germany, students from India need a valid visa. One of the requirements to obtain a visa is that the student can cover his or her costs of living while studying. There are different ways to proof this – the most common one among students is the so called blocked account.

This is a special bank account, where the student will have to deposit enough money for the first year of his or her stay in Germany. The amount the student is able to withdraw per month is limited to the amount mentioned below. This ensures that enough funds are left on the account throughout the stay and the student is not running out of money.

The German Ministry of the Interior has fixed the amount needed by foreign students at 659,-€ per months, 7908€ per year. This is the minimum amount, that needs to be deposited on the account. The student is free to deposit more money.

2. Where can I get the form to open a blocked account?

To our knowledge, only Deutsche Bank is offering this service to students at the moment. The opening form is given on their website, as well as additional information:

https://www.deutsche-bank.de/pbc/pk-studium-international_students_en.html

The Consulate can not help the students to download and fill the form.

3. How can I get my signature authenticated?

For opening any kind of bank account in Germany, the bank will need to authenticate your signature and documents. This can be done at the German Consulate in Chennai for students who currently live and study in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry.

The students have contact the German Consulate by sending an Email to info@chennai.diplo.de. In the subject, they should mention “opening a blocked account”, in the Email their name and contact details.

Please abstain from calling the Consulate to book an appointment. This will not be possible due to the high numbers of people calling every day!

Advancing of appointments will not be possible due to the high number of applicants!

Within a few days, the students will receive a reply on the phone or via Email on which particular Wednesday they are supposed to come to the German Consulate in Chennai along with their passport and the duly filled opening form, which is **not** signed yet.

An admission letter is not requested to open this account.

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GK Chennai
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Besides, the bank will also request a certified passport copy. The Consulate recommends that this copy is already prepared when the students come to have the copies of their University degrees certified.

Students who do not have a certified passport copy yet should bring a copy of their passport to the Consulate as well.

From May onwards there will be a new procedure:

Blocked accounts will only be done on Wednesdays.

Students who have booked an appointment for this particular date should come to the Consulate **between 8am and 10 am sharp** (if running late, please inform in advance). They should hand in the following documents in a closed envelope to the security personal at the entrance:

- passport
- duly filled opening form, which is not yet signed (not tacked)
- passport copy (if not having a certified passport copy yet)
- fee (in cash) for either the signature authentication only or for both signature authentication and copy certification

On the envelope, the name and the mobile number of the student should be marked. For the envelope, the students will receive a token.

By 2.30pm, the students should come to the Consulate for collection. They will hand over the token to the officer in charge and receive their documents, a receipt for the paid fee and, if applicable, the balance.

1. Fees for the blocked account

The fee is fixed in €, therefore the amount in Indian Rupees might change according to the exchange rate. To avoid any problems, the students are requested to check this information sheet on our website, which will be updated according to the current rate.

Students are also allowed to put more Rupees inside the envelope, which they will get back together with the documents in case it is not needed for the fee.

Signature authentication (20€)	1,400 INR
Copy attestation (10€ for up to 10 pages)	700 INR

Your documents will be stapled, tacked and sealed when you receive them. If you remove pages or the staple, the document will not be considered as authenticated any more. So please do not remove pages or the staple.

Once you have completed the forms and they have been authenticated by the embassy, please send them (in original) to:

Deutsche Bank Privat und Geschaeftskunden AG
Service Center Hamburg / Auslaendische Studenten
Alter Wall 53
Deutschland/Germany