



Visa for family reunification - spouse

Checklist for Filing Your Application

Please read the checklist and fill out the application form thoroughly. We require that the printed and signed checklist is submitted with the application form at your appointment. Please prepare one set of the listed documents and sort them exactly in the following order:

			to be filled out by the German Mission	
1	1x Application form	Application completed, printed and signed (including Information provided to applicants pursuant to Section 54 (2) 8 in conjunction with Section 53 of the Residence Act)	☐	
2	Passport + 1 copy of the data page	Valid and signed passport which must have at least two blank pages.	☐	
3	1x Photo	Recent passport photographs according to biometric specifications (not stapled)	☐	
4	Marriage certificate + 1 copy	Original marriage certificate with Apostille (from <u>DIRCO</u> , if marriage took place in SA) <u>alternatively</u> : confirmation by the German Standesamt (Anmeldung zur Eheschließung) with confirmed appointment for the intended marriage in Germany	☐	
5	1 copy of spouse's passport		☐	
6	Proof of health insurance + 1 copy	Regular travel health insurance as per Schengen requirements, valid for 90 days – or proof of German health insurance coverage <u>to be submitted only at the time of visa issuance</u> , if application has been decided favorably	☐	
7	In case of former marriages: Divorce decree or death certificate of former spouse		☐	
8	Proof of German knowledge (A1 level) + 1 copy Not required for spouses of non-	The proof of German language skills (A1 level) must be presented when lodging the application. NB: Only the following language test certificates can be accepted: „Start Deutsch 1“ or higher from Goethe-Institute, „Start Deutsch 1“ or higher from telc GmbH (The European Language Certificate)	☐	

	German EU-citizens	• „Grundstufe Deutsch 1“ or higher of the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD) • „TestDaF“ from TestDaF-Institut e.V. (available on the level B2 or higher) Please here for more information.		
9	Checklist	Two copies of this checklist have to be signed and submitted with your application.	☐	

If your spouse is neither a German citizen nor a EU citizen, the following additional documents are required:

10	1 copy of proof of residence permit of spouse in Germany		☐	
11	1 copy of proof of Employment of spouse		☐	
12	1 copy of proof of accommodation in Germany	e.g. rental contract	☐	
13	Visa fee	The Visa fee amounts to 75 Euro (if paid by credit card) or the equivalent in ZAR depending on the exchange rate (if paid cash).	☐	

The German Mission reserves the right to ask for additional documentation at any time during the processing of the application whenever deemed necessary. Presenting the above-mentioned documentation does not guarantee that the visa will be granted. *We strongly recommend that you do not purchase an airline ticket unless the visa has been approved and the German Mission requests you to do so.*

The processing time can take up to three months, but may be longer in individual cases. Once the application has been approved by the relevant German authority, the German Mission will issue a visa valid for 3 months. Your subsequent residence permit will be issued by the competent Aliens Authority in Germany. You are required to apply well in advance for it before the expiry of the visa.

Place

Date

Name

Signature

IF NECESSARY TO BE COMPLETED AT THE GERMAN MISSION (OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTATION):

I was informed that the required documents regarding the following points have to be presented within a period of two weeks in order to proceed with the application: _____

Place

Date

Signature