

National Visa for Family Reunion Visa
– joining EU/EEA spouse or minor child –
 (Freedom of movement Act/EU)

General Information

You are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa if
 → you are married to an EU/EEA citizen
 → you are a parent of an EU/EEA minor child
 and wish to seek gainful permanent residency in Germany.

Once all required documents have been submitted, the application and supporting documents will be forwarded to the Immigration Office at the intended place of residence in Germany. The standard processing time can take up to 12 weeks, but processing times can vary if additional documents are required. As soon as the application has been approved by the Immigration Office, the Embassy/Consulate will issue a national visa for the first 90 days of the intended stay. A final residence permit for a longer period will be issued upon arrival by the Immigration Office. A family reunion visa does also entitle its holder to enter other Schengen countries for a stay of up to 90 days for tourism purposes.
 You can find out more about living and working in Germany at www.make-it-in-germany.com

Visa application checklist

Please use the following checklist to make sure that your documents are complete.
Please submit the documents listed below in according order.
Please do not staple any documents.
Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

Original required	Copy required	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully completed and signed application and signed declaration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	One (1) recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Passport, which is valid for at least six months, which was issued in the last ten years and with at least two free (visa) pages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residence permit in the U.S., e.g. Visa, Green Card, U.S. passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of address, e.g. valid driver's license, utility bill, lease
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	When applying for family reunion to join your EU/EEA spouse → Marriage certificate When applying for family reunion to join your EU/EEA minor child → Birth certificate of your child

→ more information on following page(s)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supporting letter issued by the applicant's spouse or the minor child's parent(s) to set up joint residence in Germany with informal declaration on how to secure livelihood in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registration in Germany ("Meldebescheinigung") of the spouse/fiancé(e)/minor child
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Passports data page of the spouse/fiancé(e)/minor child
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proof of adequate health insurance coverage Health insurance coverage is required at the time of entry into the Schengen area. Proof can be provided by presenting the health insurance policy of the family member for whom the reunification is taking place and a letter from the health insurance company stating that the person entering the country will be included in the family insurance upon entry.

Visa application fees

Processing fee:

Payable in cash only.

Conversion into USD is made based on the exchange rate at the time of the application.

Completeness of application

The application is complete:

Yes No, the documents/information indicated above are lacking.

Declaration when application is not complete:

I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected.

I would like to submit my application nevertheless.

_____ place, date, signature

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