

Visa for an intended marriage / Establishment of a civil union in Germany

If you intend to get married to a German national or a person living permanently in Germany (or establish a civil union) and consequently want to live together in Germany, you have to apply for a residence visa (long term) for intended marriage / establishment of a civil union in Germany.

The fee for a visa for the purpose of family reunion is the equivalent of 75 Euro. The fee must be paid in cash, in Uganda Shillings upon application.

Applications must be submitted in person and may not be submitted by courier, regular post, fax or e-mail. The appointment has to be made through our online appointment.

It is at the discretion of the German authorities involved to insist that all relevant Ugandan documents are verified, since legalization of Ugandan documents is not possible. This process concerns genuineness, correctness of content and if they were issued in accordance with the then valid Ugandan law. You will find more information on the verification process on our website www.kampala.diplo.de.

Please note that **only complete applications will be accepted**. In order to ensure that your application is processed without delay, **please submit the following documents in original and two copies as indicated below**. Unfortunately, copies cannot be provided by the German Embassy.

Original documents:

- Two duly completed application forms “Application for a National Visa” (please ensure that you sign the form)
- A valid passport with at least two blank pages and valid for at least another six months after your return to your home country (please ensure that your passport is signed) with two copies of the passport including bio-data page and the page with the passport file number
- Two recent passport photographs according to biometric specifications
- Two Declarations of True and Complete Information in accordance with Section 54(2)8 & 53 Residence Act, signed and dated (to be obtained from the website)

Original and two copies:

- A written confirmation issued by the competent Registrar’s office in Germany that all necessary requirements for the marriage/establishment of the civil union to take place have been met; including a time frame/date. Upon application it is sufficient to prove that this procedure has been started.
- Marital Status Letter of Ugandan applicant from URSB (not older than six months), if applicable divorce papers.
- International Language Certificate A1 from the Goethe-Institut, not older than two years. In Uganda the competent authority is the Goethe-Zentrum.
- Birth certificate of the applicant

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Two copies:

- Invitation letter indicating the address where the applicant will stay together with the fiancé(e)
- Copy of the fiancé(e)'s passport or ID
- Copy of the residence permit if the person to be married / to establish the civil union with is not a German national
- Proof of valid travel insurance, if joining the German statutory/national/private or family health insurance is not possible before entering Germany

Important Notes

Please note that each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents may vary. The German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents. The submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Applicants may, at any time, be asked for a personal interview. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to attend the mandatory visa interview will result in a refusal of your visa application. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered.

It takes approximately three to six months to process your visa application. **We strongly recommend that you do not purchase an airline ticket unless the visa has been granted.** We kindly ask that no status requests on the visa application be made during the first three months. We will notify the applicant on any change of status or progress of the application as soon as possible and whenever the need arises.

Upon receiving the visa: Please check visa data for possible mistakes as soon as you receive your passport. Pay particular attention to the visa's validity (start and end dates). Please check the correct spelling of your name as well as the number of entries you were granted. The visa section must be informed of possible mistakes immediately and cannot be held responsible for any problems that occur as a result of incorrect data or a missing signature in the travel document.

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