

# Visa for Family Reunion with EU/EEA/Swiss Nationals

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*Note: Nationals of a Member State of the European Union other than Germany, of another country belonging to the EEA / European Economic Area (i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway), or of Switzerland enjoy freedom of movement. They can move to Germany to work or study there. Family Members who come to Germany with such nationals or subsequently join them in Germany have the same right to freedom of movement, even if they do not originate from the EU, the EEA or Switzerland. Certain conditions apply.*

If you wish to apply for a long term visa for family reunion to your spouse of EU/EEA nationality other than German, you have to submit the documents as indicated below depending on the purpose of your visa application. Please make sure to review the requirements carefully and adhere to them, as this will save you valuable time and effort throughout the visa application process.

This visa is issued free of charge. Applications must be submitted in person and may not be submitted by courier, regular post, fax or e-mail. Please book an appointment through our online appointment system.

## *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 beneath mentioned documents does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Applicants may, at any time, be asked for a personal interview.

Please also note that it is at the discretion of the German authorities involved to insist that relevant Ugandan documents are verified, since legalization of Ugandan documents is not possible. The verification process engenders costs. You will find more information on the verification process on our website: [www.kampala.diplo.de](http://www.kampala.diplo.de).

After the verification process is completed, the processing of the visa application takes usually about two weeks, unless there are further questions. **We strongly recommend that you do not purchase an airline ticket unless the visa has been granted.** If documents need to be verified, we kindly ask that no status requests on the visa application be made during the first three months after handing in the documents for verification, since the verification process can be long. 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). Also 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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# Requirements for joining a spouse

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You need to apply for this visa if you want to join your spouse of EU/EEA nationality (not German) in Germany. **Please submit the following documents in original and two copies as indicated below.**

## Original documents:

- Two duly completed Application forms "National Visa" (please ensure that you sign the form and add your phone number)
- A valid passport (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

## Original and two copies:

- Marriage certificate or marital status letter (not older than 6 months), if applicable divorce papers in case of previous marriage (latter one applies both to Ugandan and third country nationals)
- Birth certificate of the applicant
- Invitation letter indicating the address where the applicant will stay together with the spouse

## Two Copies:

- Copy of your spouse's passport or ID-Card
- If applicable: your spouse's registration in Germany (Meldebescheinigung)
- If applicable: Proof of occupation of your spouse in Germany

# Requirements for family reunion for children

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You need to apply for this visa if a child is supposed to join one or both parent(s) in Germany. **Please submit the following documents in original and two copies as indicated below.**

## Original documents:

- Two duly completed Application forms "Application for a Residence Permit" (please ensure that every person exercising custody for the child signs the form and add your phone number)
- A valid passport (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

## Original and two copies:

- Birth certificate of the applicant
- Invitation letter by the parent(s) in Germany the address where the applicant will stay together
- marriage certificate for the parents or acknowledgment of paternity
- If the child wishes to join only one parent please provide **one** of the following concerning the custody:
  - Valid court order for custody including the grounds on which the judgment is based
  - Other similar proof of the sole right of custody
  - Death certificate of the other parent who exercised custody over the child

## Two copies:

- Copy of the parent(s)' passport(s)
- If applicable: a copy of his/her/their residence permit(s) and registration in Germany (Meldebescheinigung)
- If applicable: Proof of occupation of parent(s) in Germany

# Requirements for joining a child residing in Germany

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You need to apply for this visa if the mother or father wants to join his/her child in Germany. It also applies if the parent wants to move to Germany together with the child. Please submit the following documents in original and two copies as indicated below.

## Original documents:

- Two duly completed Application forms "Application for a Residence Permit" (please ensure that every person exercising custody for the child signs the form and add your phone number)
- A valid passport (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

## Original and two copies:

- Birth certificate of the child
- marriage certificate for the parents or acknowledgment of paternity
- Proof of custody (if applicable – marriage certificate or valid custody order). If only one parents exercises custody over the child, please provide **one** of the following:
  - Valid court order for custody including the grounds on which the judgment is based
  - Other similar proof of the sole right of custody
  - Death certificate of the other parent who exercised custody over the child

## Two Copies:

- Copy of the passport or ID-Card of your Child
- Proof that either you pay alimony for your child or that your child pays alimony for you
- If applicable: your child's registration in Germany (Meldebescheinigung)
- If applicable: Proof of occupation of Child in Germany