



Visa to marry a German national

1. General Information

Please note that your visa application must be made in person and will be accepted only if all required documents are submitted according to our regulations.

Appointments can be booked online (free of charge) here:

www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by 2 copies. Documents in foreign language have to be provided with a certified translation into German.

You can apply for a visa if you wish to marry a German national. Here for you need a registered wedding at a registry office in Germany and if both, you and your fiancé/e, are at least 18 years old. You need to prove that you have enough financial means to cover your living expenses in Germany. You also need to present a basic knowledge of German (A1 certificate).

Processing visa usually takes some weeks. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their application.

2. How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After getting married you have to apply for your residence permit at the local foreigners office presenting your marriage certificate.

3. Required documents:

- Passport
- 2 biometric passport photos
- Filled online application form:
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- Registration of the wedding at a registry office in Germany
- Copy of your fiancé/e's German passport/identity card or certificate of naturalization
- Proof of basic knowledge of German (A1)

- Proof of financial means to cover your living expenses

4. **Next steps:**

Complete and print out the visa application form:

<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>

Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment at the Embassy.

After approval from the Embassy get your visa sticker in your passport.

Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents.

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