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## Family reunion

### 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.

**Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by 1 copy.** Printout of a PDF file is not considered original. Physical document with the original signatures of both parties and/or electronically signed document with certification are considered originals.

Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German or English.

Your original documents (certificates, diplomas, etc.) and passport will be checked and returned to you.

Appointments can be booked online free of charge: [www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe](http://www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe)

### 2. Fees

No fee is charged for processing visas for reunion with German citizens or citizens of EU states using their right to move and reside freely. The fee for processing applications for family reunion visas to spouse holding passports of other countries is 75 EUR for adults and 37,50 EUR for minors. This amount has to be paid in cash or per credit card. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of application or upon denial is not applicable.

### 3. Process

Processing a family reunion visa usually takes several weeks. As soon as a decision has been made, the visa applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy.

**Visa applicants are kindly asked not to make any inquiries about the current status of their applications.**

### 4. Required documents

#### REUNION TO SPOUSE OR CIVIL PARTNER

Please sort the documents according in the following order:

- 1 filled in and signed application form:  
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- 1 recent passport photo (45x35 mm)

- your national passport (validity has to exceed at least 6 months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago), + 1 copy of **all pages with records**
- your Estonian residence permit (e.g. visa / residence card), + 1 copy
- Your current resident registration certificate from Estonian population register
- marriage certificate or civil partnership agreement with an apostille\* (preferably an international certificate, if applicable notarized translation into German or English), + 1 copy

Information regarding the international recognition/legalisation of documents is available here:  
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/konsularisches/urkundenverkehrallgemeines-node>

\*An apostille is only required for those documents that have **not** been issued in an EU or EEA country.

- if applicable: in case of former marriages and divorces a legally signed German divorce decree or an approval of the foreign divorce decree issued by a German court, original + 1 copy
- certificate for German language skills meeting the level A1 (not applicable if the partner in Germany is a citizen of a EU/EEA state, holder of EU Blue Card, but applicable for reunions with German citizens), original + 1 copy  
 The certificate has to be issued by a certified operator of these who has a branch operated by dispatched staff members in accordance to the ALTE standards (Association of Language Testers in Europe).
- travel health insurance (minimum coverage: 30.000 euros)
- health insurance valid in Germany
- passport or ID card of the spouse living in Germany; in case the spouse is not a German citizen, his/her residence permit must be provided as well, 1 copy
- current extended registration certificate (erweiterte Meldebescheinigung) of the spouse/registered partner in Germany with information about his/her marital status. The certificate may not be older than 6 months;

#### **REUNION OF A CHILD TO A PARENT**

- 1 application form:  
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- 1 recent passport photo (45x35 mm)
- child's national passport (validity has to exceed at least 6 months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago), + 1 copy of **all pages with records**
- Estonian residence permit (e.g. visa / residence card), + 1 copy
- birth certificate with an apostille\* (if applicable international recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English), + 1 copy

\*An apostille is only required for those documents that have **not** been issued in an EU or EEA country.

- if applicable, marriage certificate of the parents, acknowledgment of paternity certificate or degree with an apostille\* (if applicable recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English), original + 1 copy

\*An apostille is only required for those documents that have **not** been issued in an EU or EEA country.

- if applicable, certificate of adoption or degree with an apostille\* (if applicable recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English), original + 1 copy

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- passport or ID card of the parent living in Germany (1 copy); in case the reference person is not a German citizen, his/her resident permit;  
With regard to citizens of EU/EEA states using the right to move and reside freely: passport or ID card issued by the respective member state (1 copy)

- resident registration card/document of the parent living in Germany, 1 copy

- travel health insurance, 1 copy

- health insurance valid in Germany, 1 copy

*And if applicable:*

- divorce decree of the child's parents (if applicable international recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English), original + 1 copy

- custody decree stating that the sole custody lies with the respective parent or a notary certified consent of the second parent for the child to leave the country on a permanent basis (if applicable international recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English), original + 1 copy

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

**This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.**