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Family reunion

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.) will be checked and returned to you.

Appointments can be booked online: www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

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.

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.

Required documents

Please make sure that you provide a complete application form and all documents required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please sort the documents according in the following order:

REUNION TO SPOUSE OR CIVIL PARTNER

- 1 filled in and signed **visa 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 or visa**, held for at least 3 months at the time of application and for additional 2 months after your entry to Germany
- **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)

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
- **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**
- copy of **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
- 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 filled in **visa application form**, signed by parents with custody:
<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**
- child's **Estonian residence permit or visa**, held for at least 3 months at the time of application and for additional 2 months after the entry to Germany
- child's **current resident registration certificate from Estonian population register**

- child's **birth certificate** with an apostille* (if applicable international recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English)
*An apostille is only required for those documents that have **not** been issued in an EU or EEA country.
- if applicable, marriage certificate of parents, acknowledgment of paternity certificate or degree with an apostille* (if applicable recognition of the certificate, translation into German or English)
*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)
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- copy of **passport or ID card of the parent living in Germany**; 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
- resident registration card/document of the parent living in Germany
- **travel health insurance**
- **health insurance valid in Germany**

If applicable:

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

VISA FOR MARRIAGE IN GERMANY

A visa for an intended marriage in Germany can only be granted if you have got a certificate of intended marriage (Anmeldung zur Eheschließung) issued by the competent German Civil Registrar with scheduled wedding date. Please check with the local German Registrar's Office where you want to get married which documents have to be submitted in Germany in order to obtain this certificate.

In addition, you and your fiancé/e must be at least 18 years old. You need to prove that you have enough financial means to cover your living expenses in Germany and have obtained German language A1 certificate.

Required documents

- 1 filled in and signed **visa application form**:
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- 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 or visa**, held for at least 3 months at the time of application and for additional 2 months after your entry to Germany, + 1 copy
- **your current resident registration certificate from Estonian population register**
- original **confirmation from a German registry office** about the successful registration of the wedding
- **passport copy of your spouse/fiancé/e's/registered partner living in Germany**, issued no longer than 6 months ago, incl. civil status
When joining a non-EU citizen additionally: copy of the German residence permit, copies of salary statements of the last 3 months, proof of sufficient living space
- **proof of your basic knowledge of German language (A1)**. More information:
https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/MigrationAufenthalt/Ehegattennachzug/ehgattennachzug-en.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=11
- **proof of financial means to cover your living expenses**
- **health insurance valid in Germany**

**In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents.
This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.**