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Visa to marry in Germany

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.

Processing the visa application 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

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.

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:

Required documents

- 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**
- 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.
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