

## Visa for family reunification - *spouse*

### Checklist for Filing Your Application

Please read the checklist and fill out the application form thoroughly. We require that the printed and signed checklist is submitted with the application form at your appointment. Please prepare one set of the listed documents and sort them exactly in the following order:

			to be filled out by the German Mission	
1	<b>1x Application form</b>	Application completed, printed and signed (including Information provided to applicants pursuant to Section 54 (2) 8 in conjunction with Section 53 of the Residence Act)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	<b>Passport</b> + 1 copy of the data page	Valid and signed passport which must have at least two blank pages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	<b>1x Photo</b>	Recent passport photographs according to biometric specifications (not stapled)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	<b>Marriage certificate</b> + 1 copy	Original marriage certificate with Apostille (from <u>DIRCO</u> , if marriage took place in SA) <u>alternatively</u> : confirmation by the German Standesamt (Anmeldung zur Eheschließung) with confirmed appointment for the intended marriage in Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	<b>1 copy of spouse's passport</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	<b>Proof of health insurance</b> + 1 copy	Regular travel health insurance as per Schengen requirements, valid for 90 days – or proof of German health insurance coverage <u>to be submitted only at the time of visa issuance</u> , if application has been decided favorably	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	<b>Proof of German knowledge (A1 level)</b> + 1 copy	The proof of German language skills (A1 level) must be presented when lodging the application. NB: Only the following language test certificates can be accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• „Start Deutsch 1“ or higher from Goethe-Institute,</li> <li>• „Start Deutsch 1“ or higher from telc GmbH (The European Language Certificate)</li> <li>• „Grundstufe Deutsch 1“ or higher of the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD)</li> <li>• „TestDaF“ from TestDaF-Institut e.V. (available on the level B2 or higher)</li> </ul> Please <a href="#">here</a> for more information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	In case of former marriages: Divorce decree or death certificate of former spouse		<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	<b>1x checklist</b>	Two copies of this checklist have to be signed and submitted with your application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If your spouse is neither a German citizen nor a EU citizen, the following additional documents are required:

10	1 copy of <b>proof of residence permit of spouse in Germany</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
11	1 copy of <b>proof of Employment of spouse</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	1 copy of <b>proof of accomodation in Germany</b>	e.g. rental contract	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13	<b>Visa fee</b>	The Visa fee amounts to <b>75 Euro</b> (if paid by credit card) or the equivalent in ZAR depending on the exchange rate (if paid cash).	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The German Mission reserves the right to ask for additional documentation at any time during the processing of the application whenever deemed necessary. Presenting the above-mentioned documentation does not guarantee that the visa will be granted. We strongly recommend that you do not purchase an airline ticket unless the visa has been approved and the German Mission requests you to do so.

The processing time can take up to three months, but may be longer in individual cases. Once the application has been approved by the relevant German authority, the German Mission will issue a visa valid for 3 months. Your subsequent residence permit will be issued by the competent Aliens Authority in Germany. You are required to apply well in advance for it before the expiry of the visa.

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Place

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

**IF NECESSARY TO BE COMPLETED AT THE GERMAN MISSION (OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTATION):**

*I was informed that the required documents regarding the following points have to be presented within a period of two weeks in order to proceed with the application: \_\_\_\_\_*

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Place

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Signature