



## Family Reunion Visa for a minor child joining a foreign parent (§§ 28 ff. AufenthG)

If you are a parent of a foreign minor child with permanent residency in Germany and wish to seek permanent residency in Germany for your child, you are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa.

Please note that you cannot convert a “tourist visa” into a “family reunion visa”.

### General Information

- The application can be submitted at the earliest 6 months before the planned entry.
- The standard processing time can take up to 3 months.
- Documents that are not issued in German or English must be submitted together with a translation.
- The Consulate General reserves the right to request further documentation.

### Checklist

**Please submit the documents listed below in according order in original and one copy each.**

Originals will be returned after examination.

Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff. Please do not staple the documents.

- Fully completed and signed [visa application form](#) (no copy required)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#) (no copy required)
- Passport, which is valid for at least six months, which was issued in the last ten years and with at least two free pages (copy of photo page and pages with visas, stamps, etc. required)
- Proof of residency in Hong Kong
  - Hong Kong stay permit and Hong Kong Identity Card or
  - Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card (only applicable for non Hong Kong passport holders)
- Two passport photos according to [biometric specifications](#) (not older than 3 months)
- Birth certificate\* of your child  
with apostille if born in Hong Kong or legalisation if applicable and passport copies
- Marriage certificate\*  
with apostille if married in Hong Kong or legalisation if applicable
- Passport copy of the parent living in Germany (copy of photo page)
- Copy of the residency permit of the parent living in Germany
- If the other parent lives outside of Hong Kong  
consent letter with signature verified by a German mission or German aliens authority
- If application is filed by a single parent  
the court decision on sole care and custody or certificate of death of parent
- “Meldebescheinigung” (certificate of registration) of the parent in Germany

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Evidence of a basic command of German may be required for children between the age of 16 to 18

Proof of travel health insurance stating

- name of the applicant
- coverage of at least 30.000 EUR for medical expenses and repatriation
- valid for the entire Schengen area
- valid for at least three months after the date of departure

Visa application fee

37,50 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate.

\*Foreign certificates require legalisation, apostille or certification before they can be accepted for a visa application. Please check the website of the German mission in the respective country well in advance.