

Visa for family reunion to a (future) non-German spouse

If you are married to or wish to get married to a non-German citizen and wish to take residence with your (future) spouse in Germany, you will need to ask for a residence permit in form of a visa.

A visa in order to get married and take residence in Germany is a national visa and does also entitle you to enter other Schengen countries for a stay up to 90 days for tourist purposes.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be processed by the Embassy and forwarded to the competent Alien's authority. Family reunion applications take at least up to 8 weeks to be processed. Applications from Madagascar take a general processing time of 8 to 10 weeks. **Status requests being send before the expiration of this processing time will not be answered.**

After the application has been approved by the competent Alien's authority, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in form of a visa with the duration for 90 days. A final residence permit will be issued by the Alien's Authority of your place of residence after entering the country. The Alien's Authorities require all foreigners to register in the town of their residence after arrival. If you did apply for a visa to get married to a German citizen, you are required to actually be married to the German citizen before the Alien's authority will issue your final residence permit.

For identification purposes and in order to take the fingerprints applicants are requested to be personally present at the German Embassy during Visa submission and hand in the following documents.

Please prepare **two identical application sets** with **all** the following documents in the **given order**. Do **not staple** any of the documents.

In general, all documents need to be presented in original and two simple copies. If you cannot provide the original of the document, you must present a certified copy and two simple copies.

Important information: Do NOT send supporting documents without being asked to or BEFORE placing your application.

Notice: If you apply in Antananarivo you need to provide in total three application forms and three passport photos.

Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years, with at least two empty pages and a validity of at least another 6 months after entering Germany).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 application forms fully completed & visa declaration 1, duly signed (see general visa information)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 passport size pictures, not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of your passport's data page
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of your Tanzanian visa or residence permit (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of the marriage certificate* OR • 2 copies of the registration of marriage appointment in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of basic German knowledge Level A1 from Goethe Institute or its partner organizations • <i>If you think you might be exempt from this rule, please contact the Embassy via email.</i>

In addition, the following documents of the non-German spouse (originals of these documents do not have to be presented)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of the passport/identification card
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of German residence permit
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of the confirmation of registration in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of the employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of the salary strips of the last 3 months (not applicable for joint emigration)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 copies of the tenancy agreement

To be provided after the approval of the visa:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight reservation to Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of travel health insurance with a minimum coverage of 30,000.00 EUR (for the moment of first entry into the Schengen area) <p>as well as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of the health insurance for your entire stay in Germany

Visa fee: 75,- Euro, payable in TSH according to current exchange rate of the Embassy in cash. If you apply in Madagascar you have to pay in Malagasy ariary according to the current exchange rate of the Embassy Antananarivo in cash (courier costs are not included).

Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

The German authorities may ask for a legalization or confirmation of the presented Tanzanian or Madagasy documents. Please consult either website for more information on the individual process.

Applicants may be called in for an Interview.

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