



Information sheet: national visa

Visa for family reunion – Child to foreign parent

Basic information

- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- Please read the basic information on our website
- Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. three months** if complete but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

General information

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 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. 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.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete and bring in a print out for your interview. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.



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Visa application checklist	
The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
<input type="checkbox"/>	Where applicable, two (2) declarations fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney as well as
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid and personally signed passport with at least two completely empty pages
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	(certified copy of) Child's passport as well as two (2) copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate(s) of child(ren) and two (2) copies (either German birth certificate, legalized Tanzanian birth(s) certificate(s) or foreign certificate(s) with Apostille/legalisation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) copies of passport of child's parent(s) as well as two (2) copies of resident permit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence registration certificate of the parent(s) (original and two (2) copies) and proof of accommodation with two (2) copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage Certificate (German, legalized Tanzanian, foreign certificate with Apostille/legalisation) or Acknowledgement of paternity as well as consent of mother (if applicable) /Tanzanian court order (by Juvenile Court) concerning parentage as well as proof of custody
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Employment of parent(s) with two (2) copies (e.g. employment contract)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of German knowledge (level at C1, only if child is 16 years or older and does not move to Germany with parents)
<input type="checkbox"/>	(If applicable) proof of sole custody of parent that resides in Germany or consent of other parent for the move of the child to Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health insurance - either national health insurance or in line with EU standards (to cover taking up residence in Germany and valid for the entire Schengen area, minimum coverage of 30,000 €, valid from the day of entry for the entire stay)
Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzania	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of residence title in Tanzania
Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa fee of 37,50 €. Payable in TZS
Completeness of application	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.
Declaration when applications are not complete: I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.	
_____ place, date, signature	