



Information sheet: national visa

Visa for family reunion – spouse/ marriage followed by long term stay

Basic information

- Please see basic information on applying for a visa on our website. **Applications can only be submitted via the [Consular Services Portal](#).**
- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- 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 six weeks but might be longer in particular 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.

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.

- One fully [completed and signed applications](#) including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- Where applicable, One declaration fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney as well as
- One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid and personally signed passport with at least two completely empty pages
- One uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
- Original (legalized Tanzanian) marriage certificate with one copy
or
confirmation of the German registrar's office ('Anmeldung zur Eheschließung')
- One copy of your spouse's passport (and if applicable one copy of the German resident permit)
- Residence registration certificate of the spouse (original and one copy)
- Proof of German language skills at A1 level in the form of a recognised language diploma (original and one copy)
- 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)
- In case of former marriage – divorce decree or death certificate from former spouse(s) (original and one copy or certified copy)
- (if applicable) birth certificate(s) of children with spouse (original and one copy or certified copy)

If your spouse is neither a German citizen nor a EU citizen or the visa is applied for a marriage (with a German/Eu national) followed by a long term stay, the following additional documents are required

- One copy of German resident permit of spouse
- One copy of proof of Employment of spouse/Spouses' employment contract
- One copy of proof of accommodation in Germany (e.g. rental contract)
- One copy of the salary slips of the past three months/formal letter of obligation

Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzania

- Proof of residence title in Tanzania

Fee

- Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS (unless reunion to German Spouse)



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Completeness of application

The application is complete: Yes 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