



Visa for re-entry into Germany

Basic information

- Possible reference to basic information on applying for a visa, for example, on 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 weeks** 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

Re-entry into Germany visa can be applied for in the following situations:

- You lost your passport which contains a German residence permit. In this case you first have to get a new passport.
- Your German electronic residence permit (separate plastic ID card) is lost
- Your German residence permit expired.

Please note: If you still have your valid German residence permit either as a separate plastic ID or in an expired passport, you do not need a visa. You can enter Germany with your German residence permit (in the expired passport or as a separate plastic ID) in combination with a valid/new passport.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete and bring a print out of this information sheet to your appointment.

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"/>	One fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of residence or reason of stay in Tanzania
<input type="checkbox"/>	One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid passport (personally signed and with at least 2 completely empty pages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	One uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	In case of lost/stolen residence permit: Police report confirming you reported the loss and one copy of your lost residence permit
<input type="checkbox"/>	In case of expiry of old residence permit: original of old residence permit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal explanation and proof of reason to stay/re-entry into Germany. Includes Communication with the German Aliens authority. Documents enabling your stay in Germany (see information sheet of relevant category for necessary documents).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-approval of German Alien's authority for re-entry (if applicable - as well as proof of having old residence permit canceled) and/or the required documents of the applicable category In case your old/current residence permit was lost or stolen it is crucial to get in touch with the issuing authority to have the old one canceled. Should the foreigner's authority in charge state that this is not possible you will need to provide all required documents for the applicable category instead. E.g. should you be in Germany because of family reunification please provide all documents listed in the document 'Family reunification – Spouse'. The Embassy will NOT contact the foreigner's authority on your behalf to obtain a pre-approval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of adequate health insurance cover. Statutory health insurance / Incoming insurance
Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzania	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of habitual abode by Tanzania
Fee	
Visa fee of 75 €. 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	