



## Family reunion with foreign spouse or children

If you are married or will get married to a foreign citizen (non EU) or if you are a parent of a child living in Germany, and plan to seek gainful employment in Germany (or to stay in Germany longer than 3 months) in order to live with your family, you have to obtain a residence permit in the form of a national (German) visa.

This will include a work permit.

It allows you to enter the other Schengen countries for a stay up to 90 days as a tourist.

The processing of visa applications for permanent stays takes up to 12 weeks.

As soon as the application with the required documents is complete, it will be forwarded to the local foreigners' office in Germany.

After approval of the application, the German Embassy issues a residence permit in the form of a visa for the first 90 days. A final residence permit is issued in Germany by the Foreigners Authority. Therefore, all holders of residence permits must register upon their first arrival.

- Please present the following documents as originals.
- Prepare two identical application sets in the given order, using copies of the original documents. (You will receive all originals after your personal interview!)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Valid passport</b> (issued within the last ten years - valid for at least six months after arriving in Germany - with at least two empty pages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 Application form</b> (fully completed – handwritten signed including declaration Section 54 (2) 8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 Passport size pictures</b> (not older than three months - with a bright background - frontal view of the face)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of data pages of your passport</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Norwegian residence permit</b> with all pages of the official letter ( <i>Vedtak</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Marriage certificate</b> (with Apostille or Legalisation if not issued in Germany, an EU country or Norway - an additional translation to German) <b>OR</b>
	<b>Birth certificate</b> in long form of your German child and <b>proof of custody rights</b> for the child (with Apostille or Legalisation if not issued in Germany, an EU country or Norway - an additional translation to German) <b>OR</b>
	<b>Marriage appointment in Germany</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of data pages of your spouse and children's passports</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>German residence permit of your spouse and children</b> with all pages of the official letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of German language skills</b> , at least level A1 (* see next page)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of sufficient subsistence in Germany</b> (f. ex.. salary statements for the last 3 months)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of housing in Germany</b> , including full address and postal code (f. ex. renting contract)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visa fee</b> (75,00€) to be paid by VISA or MasterCard
<b>To be provided after the approval of the visa:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of travel health insurance</b>



- Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the process.
- Submission of the above mentioned documents **does not guarantee** that a visa is granted.
- Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

**\* German language skills:**

Applicants must prove basic German skills when applying for a visa.

The applicant must be able to communicate in German at least at a basic level. A certificate of successful completion of a German course at level A1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages serves as proof. In Norway only the Goethe Institute, as a member of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE), offers this certificate.

For information on language tests, please visit this webpage: [www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de)

Exception:

- If the applicant shows sufficient German language skills by the time of the visa application at the consulate, no further proof would be required.
- If the applicant is married to a citizen of the EU (other than Germany), German language skills are not required according to the FreizügG/EU

Other exceptions may apply. This can only be determined after reviewing **ALL** documents during your appointment.