



## MARRIAGE VISA

If you will get married to a German citizen and wish to seek gainful permanent residency in Germany (or staying in Germany longer than 3 months), you are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa.

All applicants must produce a valid passport (persons without a residence status in Hong Kong cannot apply).

Processing can take 2 to 3 months, it is recommended that at no time a flight ticket should be purchased until a visa has been granted. The Consulate General forwards the application to the competent aliens authority in Germany and does not have any influence on the processing time.

We ask that no status requests on the visa application be made if the required 2-month processing period has not passed. The applicant will, on completion of the processing, receive a prompt notification.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his/her application is submitted on time. Bad planning on the side of the applicant does not automatically warrant exceptional handling from our side.

The fee for the processing of the visa application of an adult is the equivalent of 75 Euro and must be paid in cash in HKD.

All documents need to be submitted in the original as well as 2 copies. Copies will not be made by employees of the Consulate General.

This information is not a concluding list of documents. Further documentation can at any time be requested by the Consulate General or provided by the applicant.

Please submit documents listed below in according order in original and 2 copies each (copies distributed into 2 sets). Originals will be handed back to applicant after examination.

- Fully completed and signed visa application forms and declaration of genuineness of documents submitted
- Passport with a validity of at least 3 months longer than the intended stay, at least 2 free pages and not older than 10 years
- 3 recent passport photos according to biometric specifications
- 2 copies of the passport of the applicant's fiancé(e)
- Copy of the registration in Germany ("Meldebescheinigung") of the fiancé(e)
- evidence of a basic command of German (Goethe-Institut Level A1 or any language certificate based on the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE))
- Proof of filing a notice of intended marriage with the appropriate Registrar's Office ("Anmeldung zur Eheschließung") in Germany
- Proof of valid travel insurance up to the date of marriage
- Financial obligation ("Verpflichtungserklärung") from the local aliens authority in Germany signed by the fiancé(e)

Please note: Each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents might vary. The Consulate General reserves the right to ask for additional documents at all times. Besides, the submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee the issue of a visa (in time). Submission of an incomplete set of documentation will lead to a refusal of your visa application. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered. There is no legal right for visa and there is no urgent/express visa!

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