



## Family Reunion Visa (§§ 28 ff. AufenthG)

If you are married and wish to seek permanent residency in Germany (or staying in Germany for longer than 90 days), you are required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa.  
Please note that you cannot convert a “tourist visa” into a “family reunion visa”.

### General Information

- The application can be submitted at the earliest 6 months before the planned entry.
- The standard processing time can take up to 3 months.
- Documents that are not issued in German or English must be submitted together with a translation.
- The Consulate General reserves the right to request further documentation.

### Checklist

Please submit the documents listed below in according order in original and one copy each.

Originals will be returned after examination.

Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff. Please do not staple the documents.

- Fully completed and signed [visa application form](#) (no copy required)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#) (no copy required)
- Passport, which is valid for at least six months, which was issued in the last ten years and with at least two free pages (copy of photo page and pages with visas, stamps, etc. required)
- Proof of residency in Hong Kong
  - Hong Kong stay permit and Hong Kong Identity Card or
  - Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card (only applicable for non Hong Kong passport holders)
- Two passport photos according to [biometric specifications](#) (not older than 3 months)
- Marriage certificate\*  
with apostille if married in Hong Kong or legalisation if applicable
- Passport copy of the applicant's spouse (copy of photo page)
- Invitation letter of the spouse to set up joint residence in Germany with informal declaration on how to secure livelihood in Germany
- Proof of financial means of applicant's spouse  
e. g. employment contract or bank statements of the last 3 months
- In case of previous marriages  
divorce certificates/decrees with legal notice e.g. Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute both with apostille
- Birth certificate\* of joint children (if any)  
with apostille if born in Hong Kong or legalisation if applicable and passport copies
- 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) not older than 12 months

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In the event of joint relocation to Germany<br>proof of accommodation in Germany including full address (e. g. rental agreement, hotel reservation or invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport copy of the inviting person)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Meldebescheinigung" (certificate of registration) if the spouse is already living in Germany (not older than 3 months)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of travel health insurance stating <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- name of the applicant</li><li>- coverage of at least 30.000 EUR for medical expenses and repatriation</li><li>- valid for the entire Schengen area</li><li>- valid for at least three months after the date of departure</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa application fee<br>75 EUR, in cash in HKD. The exact amount in HKD depends on the exchange rate.   |

\*Foreign certificates require legalisation, apostille or certification before they can be accepted for a visa application. Please check the website of the German mission in the respective country well in advance.