



**Family Reunion Visa
for the spouse of a German citizen
for the parent of a German minor child
(§§ 28 ff. AufenthG)**

If you are married to a German citizen or if you are the parent of a German minor child 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 two copies each
(copies distributed into two sets).**

Originals will be returned after examination. Copies will not be made by Consulate General staff.

- Fully completed and signed [visa application form](#)
- [Declaration of genuineness of submitted documents](#)
- 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)
- Three passport photos according to [biometric specifications](#) (not older than 3 months)
- In the event of joint relocation to Germany 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)
- Proof of travel health insurance stating
 - name of the applicant
 - coverage of at least 30.000 EUR for medical expenses and repatriation
 - valid for the entire Schengen area
 - valid for at least three months after the date of departure

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage certificate* with apostille if married in Hong Kong or legalisation if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport copy of the applicant's spouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	In the event of joint relocation to Germany 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Invitation letter of the spouse to set up joint residence in Germany with informal declaration on how to secure livelihood in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	In case of previous marriages divorce certificates/decrees with legal notice e.g. Decree Nisi and Decree Absolute both with apostille
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate* of joint children (if any) with apostille if born in Hong Kong or legalization if applicable and passport copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of a basic command of German Goethe-Institut Level A1 or any language certificate based on the standards of the Association of Lan- guage Testers in Europe (ALTE) not older than 12 months
for the parent of a German minor child	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate* of your child with apostille if married in Hong Kong or legalization if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage certificate* with apostille if married in Hong Kong or legalization if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport copy of your child (copy of photo page)
<input type="checkbox"/>	In the event of joint relocation to Germany 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 child is already living in Germany (not older than 3 months)

*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.