



## Checklist for a German National Visa

### - FAMILY REUNIFICATION AFTER MARRIAGE (SPOUSE) -

*You can apply for this visa, if your spouse is living in Germany and has a valid residence permit for Germany.*

Before booking an appointment, please prepare the following documentation for your visa. The following documents are to be submitted **personally** at the Embassy **after booking** an appointment.

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#### IMPORTANT:

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1. Please provide the **original documents** in the **first (1.) pile** in the below mentioned order!
2. Please also provide **two copies** of all documents in **two (2) identical piles!**
3. The Embassy reserves the right to request additional documents.

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#### DOCUMENTS:

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- Fully completed and **signed application form** for “national visa” ([here](#))
- Where applicable: [Declaration](#) fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney
- Valid passport** (valid for at least 6 months and with at least two (2) completely empty pages)
- Recent **biometric passport photos** (see specimen photos, other photos cannot be accepted and delay the visa process)
- Invitation letter of spouse** indicating the address where the applicant will stay together with the spouse in Germany
- Copy of the passport of the spouse** who lives in Germany
- Original legalized marriage certificate** (“acte de mariage”) (if it is a non-Rwandan certificate the authentication might have to be certified by the German Embassy of the respective country)
- Original legalized birth certificate** (“acte de naissance”) (if it is a non-Rwandan certificate the authentication might have to be certified by the German Embassy of the respective country)

- Proof of **knowledge of the German language** (equivalent A1 level of Goethe Institute) The certificate must not be older than two years.
- If applicable: **Original academic certificates**
- Proof of adequate **health insurance** cover
  - Health insurance upon entry for at least 90 days of your stay that adheres to Schengen rules and regulations.
  - In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.*
- In case of previous long term stays in Germany: **deregistration conformation** from the registration office of the last place of residence

If the spouse in Germany is not German national, EU citizen:

- Copy of the **residence permit** of spouse
- Tenancy contract** of spouse
- Proof of financial means** of spouse:
  - **work contract,**
  - **pay-slips of at least the last 3 months**                    **AND**
  - **bank statements of at least the last 3 months**
- Processing fee of 75 €. Payable only in **cash in RWF**.

Applicant of a nationality other than Rwandan:

- Proof of habitual abode by "**residence permit/visa**"

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**Completeness of application**

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Is the application complete?

- Yes     No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking. I was informed that I have to submit the missing documents till \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration when application is 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.

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place, date, signature, name