



Checklist for a German National Visa

- FAMILY REUNIFICATION REFUGEE (CHILD) -

You can apply for this visa, if you are a minor and one of your parent is living in Germany and has a valid refugee status in 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. If there is another person than the one in Germany in custody, this person has **to also appear to the appointment**.

IMPORTANT:

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.

DOCUMENTS:

- Fully completed and **signed application form** for “national visa”. **Both parents** or the parent holding the sole custody have to sign the form. ([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 parent** indicating the address where the applicant will stay in Germany and explaining the situation
- If other parent stays in Rwanda: **authorization for resettlement** of child
- Copy of the passport of both parents**
- Official **certificate of recognition as a refugee** of the parent who lives in Germany
- Timely notification** in accordance with Section 29 (2) no. 1 of the Residence Act, which offers your spouse and minor children a simplified procedure for family reunification in Germany

- Original legalized birth certificate** (“acte de naissance & jugement suppletif” when birth before 2016) (if it is a non-Rwandan certificate the authentication might have to be certified by the German Embassy of the respective country)
- if applicable: **legalized original marriage certificate** (“acte de mariage”) of the parents (if it is a non-Rwandan certificate the authentication might have to be certified by the German Embassy of the respective country)
- If applicable: **legalized proof of change of custody** (e.g. court order, documents about adoption, death certificate of parent)
- If applicable: **Legalized acknowledgement of paternity**
- 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
- Processing fee of 75 €. Payable only in **cash in RWF**.

If you have not filled out the timely notification within 3 months after the recognition as a refugee:

- Tenancy contract** of parent
- Proof of financial means** of parent:
 - **work contract,**
 - **pay-slips of at least the last 3 months** **AND**
 - **bank statements of at least the last 3 months**
- If the applicant is 16 years or older: Original proof of **German language skills** (equivalent A1 level of Goethe Institute)

Applicant of a nationality other than Rwandan:

- Proof of habitual abode by “**residence permit/visa**”

Completeness of application

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.

place, date, signature, name