



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.

IMPORTANT:

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

DOCUMENTS:

- 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 record** (“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 record** (“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 coverage is required at the time of entry into the Schengen area. Proof can be provided by presenting the health insurance policy of the family member for whom the reunification is taking place and a letter from the health insurance company stating that the person entering the country will be included in the family insurance upon entry.
- 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**"

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