



Checklist for a German National Visa

- FAMILY REUNIFICATION REFUGEE (SPOUSE) -

You can apply for this visa, if your spouse 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.

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” ([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**
- Official **certificate of recognition as a refugee** of the spouse 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”) (if it is a non-Rwandan certificate the authentication might have to be certified by the German Embassy of the respective country)

- Original legalized 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)
- 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 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**
- 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