



Visa for Family Reunion - Spouses

Please refer to our general information on long-term stays in Germany that complement this information.

An application for a family reunion visa can only be made if an appointment was booked in the correct appointment category. The booking can only be made through the [Embassy's website](#) in the category "National Visa (Long Term)" and then "National Visa - long term visa (duration of stay more than 90 days)".

The application takes place at the
Visa Section – German Embassy in Nairobi
113, Riverside Drive
P. O. Box 30180
00100 Nairobi
Mail: visainfo@nair.diplo.de

This and all other information leaflets of the Embassy are free of charge, as are all application forms.

All visa documentation has to be handed in as an **original with 2 copies**, unless stated otherwise, so that two complete, identical sets of application documents are handed in.
Please sort your documents in the order in which they appear on this information.

The Embassy reserves the right to request further documents if considered necessary.

Incomplete application forms and applications with incomplete documents cause delays in processing your application and can cause a rejection of your application.

A list of necessary documents for a complete application can be found on page 2.

For your application you require the following documents:

1. **Passport** and two copies of the data page. The passport has to be valid for at least three months more than the validity of the visa.
If you are a foreigner residing in Kenya, Burundi or Eritrea you have to show a valid residence permit for the country of residence.
2. 2 completed and duly signed **application forms**
A digital application form which can be completed online can be found at <https://videx-national.diplo.de>
3. 2 current, identical biometric **passport photos** with a white background
4. 2 copies of **your spouse's passport** (data page and all pages with visa / stamps)
If your spouse is not a German citizen: 2 copies of the current / valid residence permit for Germany.
If your spouse is a German citizen, the passport copies can be substituted by 2 copies of her/his German Personalausweis.
5. German **Marriage Certificate** or Marriage Certificate if the marriage took place in
Kenya: Certificate of Marriage AND Certified Copy of Entry of Marriage
Eritrea: Marriage Certificate and Entry into the Marriage Register, authenticated by the Eritrean Foreign Ministry
Burundi: Marriage Certificate and Entry into the Marriage Register
Anywhere else: Marriage Certificate with Apostille or Legalisation, possibly with a translation
6. If a spouse was married before: Divorce papers or death certificate of the previous spouse
7. **Birth Certificate** of the applicant
8. current **Registration** ("Meldebescheinigung") of the spouse in Germany. Does not the spouse not yet reside in Germany: Rental contract, proof of real estate property or similar with the future residential address
9. Current proof of **knowledge of German** on an A1-level by a recognized organization / partner for testing (in Kenya: currently only the Goethe Institute)
Additional information can be found in the leaflet "Info-Knowledge of German"
10. Proof of **medical insurance**, valid upon entry for at least the first 90 days of your stay that adheres to the Schengen rules and regulations.
This is not applicable for spouses of a German or EU citizen.