



Visa for Family Reunion - Children

A visa for the family reunion of children can only be granted to children of less than 18 years of age who are single.

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.

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 **the parent's passport** (data page and all pages with visa / stamps) with whom the child wishes to reunite.
If that parent is not a German citizen: 2 copies of the current / valid residence permit for Germany.
If the parent is a German citizen, the passport copies can be substituted by 2 copies of her/his German Personalausweis.
5. **Birth Certificate** of the child
6. 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

If the parents are divorced: Divorce degree
7. If the child is not moving to Germany with both parents:
Court order that grants **sole custody** to the parent residing in Germany OR
Detailed **declaration of consent** of the parent with whom the child will not reside, signed in front of the Embassy or as an Affidavit in front of a Notary Public
This declaration has to include:
 - Detailed personal information of both that parent and the child (given name, family name, date of birth)
 - That the parent not residing in Germany gives his/her consent to the visa application and to the fact that the child will move to and reside in Germany OR
Death certificate of the other parent
8. current **Registration** ("Meldebescheinigung") of the parent in Germany. If the parent does not yet reside in Germany: Rental contract, proof of real estate property or similar with the future residential address
9. Proof of **medical insurance**, valid upon entry for at least the first 90 days of the stay that adheres to the Schengen rules and regulations.
This is not applicable for children of a German or EU citizen.

For children of 16 years of age or older: Proof of knowledge of German on a level of C1 by an acknowledged institute or other proof that the child can integrate into life in Germany easily due to its prior schooling or its prior living arrangements.

This is not necessary if the child is moving to Germany with both his parents or the parents are in possession of a German residence permit according to § 25 I or II AufenthG, a "Niederlassungserlaubnis" according to § 26 III AufenthG, a "Niederlassungserlaubnis" according to § 19 AufenthG or a Blue Card EU.

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