



## “REISSUANCE” OF NATIONAL VISA DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

If you hold a German **national / category D** visa for

- **Family reunion and marriage in Germany**
- **Studies or preparatory studies** (Studienkolleg)
- Work as a **qualified specialist** or health care employee

which was valid on or after 15 March but you were unable to travel because of the Covid-19 pandemic, you can now apply for the visa to be “reissued”.

A reissuance is possible if **your purpose of stay and your intended place of residence in Germany have not changed** (it would not be possible for example if you changed universities in the meantime).

A reissuance is not possible for national visa for long-term language course, Au Pair, Voluntary Services, school visits, internships or job training (except for health care jobs).

### How to apply for a “reissuance”

Please send an email to [visainfo@nair.auswaertiges-amt.de](mailto:visainfo@nair.auswaertiges-amt.de) that includes

- Your full name, date of birth and passport number
- Information on which date you wish to enter Germany
- Scan or photo of the issued visa
- Travel health insurance for the first 90 days of your intended duration of stay (not required for family reunion to German citizens, recognized refugees or persons with subsidiary protection status)
- Following documents for
  - Studies or preparatory studies: Confirmation by the university that you can commence your studies and your personal presence at the university is mandatory
  - Work: Confirmation from the employer that the contract is still being upheld, your personal presence is required at your place of work and that your employment is absolutely necessary for economic reasons

We reserve the right to request additional documents if necessary.

The reissuance is free of charge.

Once a visa can be reissued, you will be requested by email from us to hand in your passport to the visa section at a specific time. Your passport will only be accepted at that appointment, passports handed over without an explicit request from us will not be accepted. It is possible for another person to hand in the passport on your behalf; that person will have to show a written Power of Attorney when bringing in the passport at the appointment.

### Please be advised:

**An application for such a „reissuance” is only possible until 28 August 2020.** After that, a new application with a complete set of required documents with the standard visa fee is necessary.