

## *Family reunion*

Spouses, parents and minor, unmarried children may migrate to Germany in order to join their family members in order to protect the institution of marriage and the family.

As a matter of principle, the conditions vary according to whether you wish to come to Germany to join a German national, an EU citizen or a third-country national.

Family members coming to Germany for the purpose of family reunification are allowed to work in Germany.

**Please read this leaflet and the application form carefully. You can positively influence and shorten the procedure with good preparation.**

**Please book one appointment per person.**

### *The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application:*

- 2 fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- 2 recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport with at least two completely empty pages. Please keep in mind that the validity of the passport and the validity of the visa must exceed by at least 3 months. Danish foreigners' passports or travel documents (convention passports) must be valid for at least 6 months longer than the validity of the visa.
- 2 uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
- Danish residence permit (card) -original + 2 copies (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or bopælsattest (not older than 2 months) – original + 2 copies
- Letter from the Danish Aliens Registration Office stating under which ordinance the residence permit was issued – original + 2 copies

### *Additionally in the case of family reunification with the spouse:*

- International Marriage Certificate – Original + 2 copies
- If the marriage was not concluded in an EU member state or if there is no international marriage certificate in English, the marriage certificate must be translated into German by a sworn translator. In addition, the document must be legalized/authenticated (legalization/Hague Apostille) by the responsible embassy or office of the issuing country. You can find more information on this on the website of the German diplomatic mission in the country in which the marriage took place. If the legalization has been suspended in

relation to the state concerned, a verification of the document may become necessary.

Original + 2 copies

- 2 copies of the identity card or passport of the spouse living in Germany (in the case of a non-German spouse, 2 additional copies of his/her residence permit for Germany)
- Basic knowledge of German “Start Deutsch 1”** must always be proven by a current language certificate (not older than 18 months) after passing an ALTE-certified language test (e.g. at the Goethe Institute or telc GmbH). , original + 2 copies
- More information on this and exceptions to the language certificate can be found in the notes [Proof of knowledge of basic German](#)
  
- No German nationality of reference person?**  
If your spouse does not have German citizenship in Germany, he/she must submit proof of secure subsistence, e.g. salary slips for the last 3 months or current tax assessment as well as a copy of the residence permit and that you will have family health insurance coverage through your spouse. Until health insurance coverage has been established you might want to take a travel health insurance.

#### *Additionally in the case of family reunification with the parent:*

- Original child's international birth certificate + 2 copies
- If the birth certificate is not in German or English, please bring a German translation made by a sworn translator with you – original + 2 copies. If the document was not issued by an EU member state, the document must be legalized/authenticated (legalization/Hague Apostille) by the responsible embassy or office of the issuing state. You can find more information on this on the website of the German diplomatic mission in the country in question. If the legalization has been suspended in relation to the state concerned, a verification of the document may become necessary.
- International marriage certificate of the parents/acknowledgment of paternity plus proof of custody of the child, possibly with translation and legalization – original + 2 copies
- Possibly current notarial declaration of consent (not older than 6 months) from the parent remaining abroad for permanent residence of the child in Germany (with apostille and notarized translation of the document and the apostille + 2 copies  
2 copies of the identity card or passport of the parent living in Germany, as well as 2 copies of their residence permit for Germany.
- Proof of language proficiency for children aged 16 and over  
If children aged 16 and over, a C1 language certificate must be presented. – Original + 2 copies. This does not apply if they enter the country together with both parents or with one parent who has sole custody.
- No German nationality of reference person?**  
If the parent does not have German citizenship, he/she must submit proof of secure subsistence, e.g. proof of salary for the last 3 months or current tax assessment as well as a copy of the residence permit and that you will have family health cover through your parent. Until health coverage has been drawn the child might get a travel health insurance.

#### *Additionally in the case of family reunification for a minor German child:*

- Child's birth certificate
- Original of the international birth certificate with apostille and a certified German translation of the certificate and the apostille + 2 copies (the apostille is not required for a German birth certificate or from another EU member state).

- Proof of citizenship of the child – original + 2 copies – by presenting a certificate of citizenship or a copy of the German passport.
- If applicable, proof that the parent who is moving to Germany has custody of the German child – original + 2 copies
- If the child does not yet live in Germany and you intend to move together with the child to Germany - 2 copies of the passport or identity card of the parent living in Germany and their proof of place of residence (in duplicate) or proof of the planned place of residence and the original + 1 copy of the letter of invitation from the parent living in Germany.
- If the child has not yet been born, but will acquire German citizenship upon birth - additionally: Current medical certificate about the pregnancy and the expected date of birth with translation - original + 2 copies and proof of the child's future German citizenship, for example through the parents' marriage certificate or through an effective acknowledgment of paternity - original + 2 copies

### *Fees*

The visa application for family reunification with a German citizen or EU citizen is free of charge.

Visa applications for family reunification with foreign nationals are subject to fees of €75 for adults and €37.50 for minors, payable by Visa/Mastercard or in cash in Danish kroner, approximately DKK 560/DKK 280 (depending on the exchange rate).

### *Important instructions*

Incomplete documents delay the process and can lead to rejection.

Additional documents not mentioned here may be requested in individual cases when applying or during the visa process.

The visa requires the approval of the responsible foreigners' registration authority. The visa can only be issued after receipt of these consents.

The standard processing time is approx. 3 - 4 months, in individual cases longer.

Please refrain from inquiries about the status during the normal processing time. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

Once your application is approved, the embassy will issue a 90-day national visa. The final residence permit is issued after entry by the competent immigration authorities.

*All data contained herein are based on the knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time of drafting this information sheet. However, no liability can be assumed for the completeness and accuracy.*