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Visa for Marriage

1. General Information

Please note that successful application for this type of visa is only possible if you want to marry your betrothed, who already lives in Germany, immediately after entering Germany. Therefore, certain requirements for marriage have to be checked and met by both the applicant and the reference person before lodging the application. A registration document for a marriage appointment at the civil registry office has to be presented. Please keep in mind that this registration is only valid for a period of six months after being issued.

The visa section of the German Embassy in Warsaw is in charge of all visa applications. The German Missions in Kraków, Wrocław, Gdańsk and Opole do not issue visas and do not provide any information on this subject.

Please note that the application must be made **in person** and will be accepted only if **all required documents are submitted according to our regulations**. To apply for a visa it is necessary to book an appointment via our appointment management system online. The link is available on our website. Please take into consideration that it usually takes several weeks to process your application.

Each submitted **document in original** has to be accompanied by **two copies**. Documents in foreign languages have to be provided **with a certified translation into German**.

2. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is **approx. PLN 400** (€75,00 depending on exchange rate). **This amount has to be paid in Polish Zloty**. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of the application or upon denial is not possible.

3. Process

Processing the application takes at least 8 weeks, but this period can be extended to several months. As soon as the decision has been made, you will be notified by our Embassy accordingly. **Please do not contact the Embassy with questions concerning your application's status**. Inquiries only prolong processing the visa applications unnecessarily.

4. Required documents

Please make sure that you provide a complete application form and all additional documents required. Incomplete applications will not be considered!

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- 2 completed and signed application forms (forms are available [here](#))
- 2 recent biometric passport photographs ([sample fotos](#))
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed your stay by at least six months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago) (original + 2 copies of all pages with records)
- Polish residency permit, held for at least 3 months at the time of application (original + 2 copies)
- registration document for marriage appointment (please note that the registration is only valid for 6 months after being issued) (original + 2 copies)
- if applicable: divorce decree for both parties. In case of death of the former spouse: death certificate (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation + 2 copies)

Information regarding the international recognition/legalisation of documents is available here:

[Urkunden](#)
[Echtheit von Urkunden](#)

- certificate for German language skills meeting the level A1 (not applicable if the partner in Germany is a citizen of a EU/EEA state, but applicable for reunions with German citizens) (original + 2 copies)
- The certificate has to be issued by a certified operator of these tests who has a branch operated by dispatched staff members in accordance to the ALTE standards (Association of Language Testers in Europe) (please check [the leaflet about proving basic German language skills](#)).
- current resident registration card/document from Polish authorities (2 copies)
 - proof concerning income and living space (tenancy agreement) of the reference person living in Germany (not applicable if the partner in Germany is a citizen of a EU/EEA state) (2 copies)
 - German passport or ID card of the reference person living in Germany; in case the reference person is not a German citizen, his/her residency permit must be provided as well; with regard to citizens of EU/EEA states using the right to move and reside freely: passport or ID card issued by the respective member state (2 copies)
 - resident registration card/document of the applicant's partner in Germany (2 copies)
 - health insurance valid in Germany to remain in force throughout your stay (minimum coverage: 30.000 euros) (2 copies)

In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents.