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Family Reunion Visa

1. General Information

The visa section of the German Embassy in Warsaw is in charge of all visa application. 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 your 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

No fee is charged for processing visas **for reunions with German citizens or citizens of EU/EEA states** using their right to move and reside freely. The fee for processing applications for family reunion visas to spouses holding passports of other countries 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

The applications are forwarded to the alien authority in Germany for an advisory statement. Therefore processing a family reunion visa usually takes at least 8 weeks but may be extended to several months. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the Embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any inquiries about the current status of their application.

4. Required documents

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

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**.

a) FAMILY REUNION for spouses of German citizens and citizens of EU/EEA states using their right to move and reside freely

- 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)
- current resident registration card/document from Polish authority (2 copies)
- preferably international marriage certificate or civil partnership agreement (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](#)

- if applicable: in case of former marriages and divorces a legally signed German divorce decree or an approval of the foreign divorce decree issued by a German court (original + 2 copies)

Information regarding the recognition of foreign divorces is available here:

[Internationales Scheidungsrecht](#)

- 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](#)).

- health insurance valid in Germany (2 copies)
- proof concerning income and living space (tenancy agreement) of the reference person living in Germany (2 copies)
- German passport or ID card of the spouse 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 (with information about his/her marital statut)

b) FAMILY REUNION for children of German citizens or of foreigners residing in Germany

- 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)
- birth certificate (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation + 2 copies)
- if applicable: marriage certificate of the parents, acknowledgment of paternity certificate or decree (original, if applicable. international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation + 2 copies)
- if applicable: certificate of adoption or decree (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation + 2 copies)

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- German passport or ID card of the parent living in Germany (with two copies); 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)
- proof concerning income and living space (tenancy agreement) of the parent living in Germany (2 copies)
- resident registration card/document of the parent living in Germany (2 copies)

And, if applicable:

- divorce decree of the child's parents (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation + 2 copies)
- custody decree stating that the sole custody lies with the respective parent or a notary certified consent of the second parent for the child to leave the country on a permanent

basis (original, if applicable international recognition of the certificate, if applicable translation + 2 copies)

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- for children between ages 16 and 18: documents confirming the school the child attends or the job training it does, or documents concerning German language courses (a C1-level certificate may be required) (original + 2 copies)

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