

Visa for family reunion to a German spouse

If you are married to or wish to get married to a German citizen and wish to take residence with him in Germany, you will need to ask for a residence permit in form of a visa.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be forwarded to the competent German Aliens Authority ("Ausländerbehörde"). Family reunion visa applications take at least up to 8 weeks to be processed. Applications from Madagascar may take a longer processing time (please see general information for applicants from Madagascar). After the application has been approved by the German Aliens Authority, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in the form of a visa with duration for the first 90 days. A final residence permit will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holder to register upon their first arrival.

For identification purposes and in order to take your fingerprints applicants are requested to be personally present at the German Embassy Dar es Salaam (applicants from Madagascar may submit their application with the German Embassy Antananarivo) during Visa submission and hand in the following documents.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after leaving the Schengen area with at last two empty pages).
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 application forms fully completed & visa declaration 1, duly signed (see general information)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 passport size pictures , not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form) Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies of your passport's data page
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies of your Tanzanian visa or residence permit (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies of the marriage certificate* OR 2 copies of the registration of marriage appointment in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of basic German knowledge Level A1 from Goethe Institute or its partner organizations (refer to the information leaflet of proof of basic German knowledge for spousal visa) <i>For exceptions to this ruling also refer to the leaflet of proof of basic German knowledge for spousal visa</i>

In addition the following documents of the German spouse

<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies of the German passport/identification card
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies of the confirmation of registration in Germany

Visa fee of 75,00 Euro only required if you want to get married in Germany! Payable in TSH at the time of the application.

Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

Original Tanzanian documents need to be legalized by the German Embassy Dar es Salaam and translated into German. The German Alien's Authority may ask for additional pre-legalization by the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Documents issued on the island of Zanzibar have to be pre-legalized by the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being presented to the German Embassy for legalization.

Applicants may be called in for an Interview.

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