



## VISA FOR FAMILY REUNION (SPOUSE)

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### General information:

- If you wish to stay in Germany on a long term basis (more 90 days) you are required to obtain a residence permit. This visa in form of a national visa must be issued before you enter the country.
- The national visa will generally be issued for 90 days and needs to be extended after your arrival in Germany. Please contact the local authorities (Einwohnermeldeamt/ Bürgerbüro) to register and apply for (the extension of) the residence permit with the aliens authority (Ausländerbehörde)
- Processing of the visa takes **about 6 to 8 weeks** upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon approval by the competent authorities in Germany. You will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required 8 weeks processing period has not yet passed.
- Kindly note that you cannot apply for a residence permit in Germany and that you cannot convert a "tourist, business or visitor visa" into any kind of "national visa".
- It is recommended that at no time a flight ticket should be purchased until a visa has been granted.
- The **fee** for the processing of the visa application is the equivalent of EURO 75.00 (paid in SGD).
- All documents must be submitted in **original + 2 copies**. Copies will not be made by the Embassy.
- This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. Further documentation can at all times be requested or provided by the applicant, in support of the application.

### Please submit:

- 2 duly completed** visa application forms (please ensure that you sign the forms)  
[Online application form](#)

### Together with following documents in original plus 2 photocopies (*complete applications only!*):

- Passport** (at least **2** free pages, not older than 10 years)
- For non-Singapore citizens: **Employment pass/ dependent pass/ student pass** (please bring along a printout of your current Singaporean residence permit validity (no QR-Code)).
- 2 recent passport photographs (not older than 3 months)** according to **biometric specifications** ([see sample photos](#))
- Proof of **health insurance** (valid travel health insurance up to the date of marriage if joining the German Statutory / national/ private or family health insurance would not be possible until that date)
- Invitation letter
- Certificate of marriage**
  - Singaporean certificate: certified by the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs as "true signature". Only originals and not laminated certificates can be processed for legalization at the Embassy!
  - Other foreign certificates require legalization, apostille or certification before they can be accepted for a visa application. Please check the website of the German mission in the respective country well in advance!
- Curriculum vitae and degree certificate of higher education, if applicable
- Passport copy of spouse**
- Certificate of registration ("Meldebescheinigung") **OR** employment contract, of spouse in Germany
- Evidence of the basic command of German (Goethe Institut level A1 or any language certificate based on the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE))**
  - link:** Information on German language requirements for spouses  
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