



## Information sheet: national visa

### Family reunification to spouse or parent

#### Basic information

- This checklist is for married people who apply for a visa to their spouse or for children who apply for a visa to one of their parents.
- Documents not in the German or English must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed. If your country of origin is not in The Hague Apostille convention, you have to legalize the document. The legalization needs to be done by the **German mission in your country of origin**. A legalization by any authority in your country of origin (for example the Ministry of justice) is **not sufficient**.
- The German consulate reserves the right to request further documents.
- The visa application will be shared with the Immigration Office in Germany. Only after they give permission, your visa can be granted.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.
- A language certificate can only be accepted from official institutes. The German consulate in Amsterdam accepts certificates from: : „Start Deutsch 1“ des Goethe-Instituts e.V., „Start Deutsch 1“ der Telc GmbH, „Grundstufe Deutsch 1“ des Österreichischen Sprachdiploms (ÖSD), „TestDaF“ des TestDaF-Instituts e.V.
- If a child is applying for family reunification to a parent, preferable both parents and the child come to the appointment.

#### General information

You need two copies from all required documents. From some documents, you need to take the original. Please prepare 3 sets as following:

Set 1: original documents, if applicable.

Set 2: first copy of the required documents.

Set 3: second copy of the required documents.



Please do **not** use stickers, sheets or staples between the documents. If a document exist of more than one page, please use a paperclip to put the papers together.



<b>Visa application checklist for family reunification to spouse or parent</b>	
The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) fully <b>completed and signed application forms</b> including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act. Two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) recent <b>biometrical passport</b> photos. Place both photos in set 1.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Valid passport</b> with at least two empty pages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two <b>copies of the information page of your passport</b> . The information page is the page with your name and birthday. Two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Residence permit from the Netherlands</b> . This is usually a plastic card in credit card format. Please take the original and two copies. Original plus two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Birth certificate</b> . Original plus two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Language certificate for at least German A1</b> .  Principally you need the language certificate. There are a few exceptions: - physical or mental handicap; - in case of family reunification to a person who has a Blue Card, ICT card or visa for academics skilled workers (as in §18 AufenthG), to researchers (as in §18d or §18f AufenthG), §19c AufenthG which are senior employers or specialist, §21 AufenthG freelancers; - startups; - family reunification to a person from a EU member state, Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, Republic Korea, New Zealand or the USA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Marriage certificate</b> (only for family reunification to spouse). The certificate must be in English or German. If the certificate is in another language, it must be translated to German. The marriage certificate must have an Apostille or be Legalization from the German mission in the country where you married. Original plus two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Birth certificate of child</b> (only for children who apply for family reunification to parents). The certificate must be in English or German. If the certificate is in another language, it must be translated to German. The birth certificate must have an Apostille or be legalized by the German mission in the country where you married. Original plus two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of passport of spouse</b> (spouse reunification) / <b>copy of passport both parents</b> (for children, which reunify to parents). Two copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>German health insurance</b> . Your Dutch health insurance is not valid.



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**If the spouse or parent is already living in Germany, you need to take following documents.  
These documents are required from the person who is living in Germany.**

- Registration from city town hall.** Two copies.
- German residence card** (if the reference person is a non-EU person). Two copies.
- Proof of income from the last 3 months.** Two copies.
- Rental agreement or proof of ownership.** Two copies.

**Application fee**

**Application fee of €75.** Preferable paying in cash.