



Changes as of 1 July 2025 – ending of the remonstrations procedure

We would like to inform you that remonstrations against visa rejections dated 1 July 2025 or later will no longer be possible.

Remonstrations submitted to embassies and consulates general have no legal effect whatsoever and will no longer be processed. You will not receive confirmation of receipt, nor will any status enquiries regarding remonstrations against rejection notices dated 1 July 2025 or later be answered.

The only exception: remonstrations against visa rejections will still be processed if the rejection notice is dated before 1 July 2025.

Options after a visa application has been rejected

After a visa application has been rejected, you have two options:

1. You may submit a new visa application at any time, which will be subject to the usual fee.

For this new visa application, you will again have to present all relevant documents and documentary proof. The application will be reviewed neutrally on the basis of the current legal situation.

2. You may appeal against the visa rejection by filing an action with the Administrative Court in Berlin at your own expense.

You can appoint a lawyer for this purpose. However, there is no obligation to do so. It should be noted that separate lawyers' fees may be incurred. The court fees will be determined by the court. They will be based on the number of requested visas.

Further information is available on the website of the Administrative Court in Berlin:
<https://www.berlin.de/gerichte/verwaltungsgericht/service/visumsverfahren/>

Information on legal action

Once you have been informed that your visa application has been rejected, you may file an action with the Administrative Court in Berlin. **Information regarding legal remedies** can be found on your visa rejection notice. Please refer to this information regarding legal remedies, which is binding, for further details. Normally, the deadline for filing an action is one (1) month from the date on which the respective notice is deemed served. Furthermore, we would like to point out that the official language of the court is German (section 184 of the Courts Constitution Act – Gerichtsverfassungsgesetz). Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any information on the duration of court proceedings. The court determines the exact duration of the proceedings and how they are conducted.

This overview is for your information only. It is not binding and does not claim to be complete. If necessary, please ensure that you do your own research on the information presented here.