

Reunification with a minor child - a German citizen/ Reunification with an unborn child - a German citizen

It is strongly recommended to provide a complete set of documents in accordance with the list of requirements below in order to avoid delays in visa processing.

The decision to issue a visa is the responsibility of the (competent) German diplomatic or consular mission in Russia. Please note: The Diplomatic mission has the right to request additional or missing documents, which may increase the time for consideration of your application.

Applicants must have with them the originals of all necessary documents and their copies.

- **[Printed completed visa application \(original\)](#)**
One application for the issuance of a national visa filled out in German and signed with his own hand, including explanations in accordance with sections 53, 54 of the Law on Stay in the Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- **Contact form for the Consulate.**
(see the Forms section)
- **2 up-to-date biometric passport-format photos taken no earlier than 6 months ago at the time of application submission, on a white background, 45x35 mm in size.**
Please attach one photo to application (despite the indication on the application "do not attach") and bring a second photo with you.
- **Passport with 1 copy of the page with personal data.**
The passport must be signed and contain at least 3 free pages. Must be valid for at least 12 months from the start date of the trip.
- **An internal passport with 1 copy of the page with personal data and 1 copy of all pages with marks.**
For citizens who do not own Russian citizenship – a residence permit in Russian Federation with 1 copy.
- **A biography** presented in the form of a table, without gaps between time intervals, indicating the full address and contact information with 1 copy. If you write a biography not in German, you must attach a certified translation into German.
- **Medical insurance policy issued in the EU, with 1 copy.** In case of family reunification, the State medical insurance begins to take effect from the moment the applicant is included in the family insurance. As a rule, it can be issued only after marriage and registration at the place of residence. Before the applicant is included in the state medical insurance, it is necessary to purchase a private medical insurance policy. We recommend to conclude medical insurance for foreign citizens entering the country (the so-called "Incoming-Versicherung"). Health insurance policies for travelers may exclude insurance coverage in the event of a planned long stay in the country. A medical insurance policy can be provided upon receipt of a visa.
- **A free-form invitation** from another parent living in Germany, written in German or English, with 1 copy.
- **1 copy of the passport or identity card of the parent residing in Germany.**
- **Proof of residence with 1 copy, for example:** a certificate of registration at the place of residence (Meldebescheinigung) of a parent living in Germany, issued no earlier than 6 months before the date of submission of documents, or a lease agreement, or proof of ownership, or a similar document indicating the future address of residence.
- **If you are married to a second parent:** marriage certificate with an apostille in the original and with a certified translation into German with 1 copy.
- **If there are previous marriages of the applicant:** all certificates of the Civil Registry Office departments on previous marriages, divorce certificates/court decisions on the dissolution of marriage with marks on the entry into force of the court decision, death certificates, certificates of name change with an apostille in the original and with a certified translation into German with 1 copy.

- **Reunification with a minor child-a German citizen:**

- **A child's birth certificate** with 1 copy;
- **Proof of German citizenship for a child** with 1 copy, for example: a German passport or a certificate of citizenship.

If you are not married to another parent:

- For a reuniting mother:
 - **Acknowledgement of paternity** from the father's side of the child with 1 copy;
 - **Mother's statement** consent to this acknowledgement of paternity with 1 copy.
- For a reuniting father:
 - **Acknowledgement of paternity** with 1 copy;
 - **Father's statement about the joint discharge of parental duties** with 1 copy;
 - **Mother's statement consent** to the acknowledgement of paternity and consent to the statement of the father about the joint discharge of parental duties with 1 copy.

- **Reunification with an unborn child-a German citizen:**

- **A doctor's certificate of pregnancy** indicating the expected date of delivery with a certified translation into German with 1 copy.
- **Proof of German citizenship from another parent** with 1 copy, for example: a German passport or a certificate of citizenship.

If you are not married to a parent who has German citizenship:

- For a reuniting mother:
 - **Father's statement of acknowledgement of paternity**, issued before the birth of the child, with 1 copy;
 - **Mother's statement consent** to this statement of acknowledgement of paternity with 1 copy.
- For a reuniting father:
 - **Father's statement of acknowledgement of paternity**, issued before the birth of the child, with 1 copy;
 - **Father's statement about the joint discharge of parental duties** with 1 copy;
 - **Mother's statement of consent** to father's statements of acknowledgement of paternity and the joint discharge of parental duties with 1 copy.

Important information:

- The attestation of statements made before the birth of the child on the acknowledgement of paternity and the corresponding statement of consent to this statement can, as a rule, be issued at the authorized German foreign representation in the Russian Federation. Depending on the situation, it is also possible to issue a certificate of statements about the joint discharge of parental duties. To certify these statements, you must make an appointment in advance. To make an appointment, please contact the German foreign representation in the Russian Federation by e-mail in accordance with your consular district and briefly state the essence of your question. Please understand that such requests are not processed by telephone.
- Additional documents not specified in this memo may be requested when applying for a national visa or during the processing of documents.
- All documents written in a language other than German must be provided with a translation into German. Translations made by a translator in the Russian Federation must be notarized. For translations made by a sworn translator in Germany, notarization is not required.
- Translation of internal and foreign passports, as well as medical insurance into German is **not** required.
- Documents issued by the Civil Registry Office or the court must have an apostille. This rule does not apply to German documents and, as a rule, documents from other EU countries. Please note that the apostille must be on the original document (and not on copies). If there is an apostille, it must also be translated.
- All original documents and their translations must be provided with 1 copy. Notarization of copies of documents is **not** required.
- Pay attention to the completeness of the submitted documents! An incomplete set of documents may cause a refusal to issue a national visa.

Checklist

This checklist is used exclusively for self-control and preparation of documents for submission.

Please distribute all the documents attached to the application in the following order.

The set must contain all originals (civil status documents, diplomas, passports, etc.) and copies of all documents in the following order. These originals will be returned to you immediately after their verification at the time of submission of documents.

- 1 photo;
- application form with an attached photo;
- biography with a detailed description of professional activities;
- medical insurance policy issued in the EU;
- invitation from another parent;
- a copy of the passport of a parent living in Germany;
- proof of residence;
- child's birth certificate or certificate of pregnancy;
- confirmation of the German citizenship of the child/other parent;
- if applicable, marriage certificate;
- if applicable, confirmations of previous marriages;
- acknowledgement/statement of acknowledgement of paternity and mother's statement of consent to the acknowledgement/statement of acknowledgement of paternity;
- if applicable, a statement of joint discharge of parental duties;
- if necessary, other confirmations;
- internal passport + a copy of the page with personal data + copies of all pages with marks;
- a foreign passport + a copy of the page with personal data + if necessary, a copy of a temporary residence permit or a residence permit in the Russian Federation.

This memo is updated if necessary and does not claim to be complete.