

Visa for reunification with EU/EEA citizens residing in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany

(does not apply to reunification with German citizens!)

This information also applies to applying for a visa to reunite with a same-sex registered civil partner.

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.

When applying for persons under the age of 18, please read the "**Minors**" memo on the VisaMetric website.

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. For minors, the visa application is signed by all persons with parental rights. If a person with parental rights is unable to sign the application, he must declare his consent to the visa in writing in a free form. In this case, it is necessary to attach 1 copy of the page with the personal data of the identity document (for example, passport, identity card, internal passport), a person who has parental rights and is unable to sign the application.
- **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.
- **1 copy of the passport of an EU/EEA citizen living in Germany.**
- **1 copy of the certificate of registration at the place of residence (Meldebescheinigung)** of an EU/EEA citizen residing in Germany (the certificate must be issued no earlier than 6 months before the date of submission of documents).
- **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, this is possible after entering Germany and registering at the place of residence. Before the applicant is included in the family state health insurance, it is necessary to purchase a private health insurance policy. We recommend concluding the so-called "Incoming-Versicherung" (insurance for foreign citizens entering the country). 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 of an EU/EEA citizen living in Germany**, with whom reunification is planned, to live together in Germany, with a free-form statement of readiness to bear the costs of maintaining a person moving to Germany with 1 copy.
- **In the case of a joint move to Germany:** a lease agreement, a document of ownership or a similar document indicating the future address of residence with 1 copy.
- **Proof of employment of an EU/EEA citizen (e.g. employment contract) with 1 copy.**
- **To reunite with a non-working EU/EEA citizen:** proof of sufficient means of subsistence with 1 copy.
- **If you are married to an EU/EEA citizen:**
 - marriage certificate with apostille and certified translation into German with 1 copy;
 - in the case of a previous marriage of the applicant: the originals of all certificates of the previous marriage, death certificates/divorce, court decisions on divorce with marks of the court decision comes into force, certificates/certificates of change of name (surname, patronymic) with apostille and certified translation in German language with 1 copy.
- **If you are a descendant relative and you are under 21 years old:**
 - proof of relationship with an EU/EEA citizen in the form of original certificates with an apostille and with a certified translation into German with 1 copy (for example, a marriage certificate of parents/one of the parents with an EU/EEA citizen, a birth certificate).
- **If you are an ascending or descending relative to whom the maintenance is provided:**
 - proof of relationship with an EU/EEA citizen in the form of original certificates with an apostille and with a certified translation into German with 1 copy (for example, a marriage certificate of parents/one of the parents with an EU/EEA citizen, a birth certificate);
 - confirmation of the provision of content from an EU/EEA citizen with a certified translation into German with 1 copy (for example, a certificate issued by a financial institution).
- **For reunification as a spouse, registered partner or child with an EU/EEA citizen who is studying at a university in the Federal Republic of Germany:**
 - proof of relationship with an EU/EEA citizen in the form of original certificates with an apostille and with a certified translation into German with 1 copy (for example, marriage certificate, birth certificate);
 - certificate from the place of study of an EU/EEA citizen with 1 copy;
 - confirmation of the provision of content from an EU/EEA citizen with a certified translation into German with 1 copy (for example, a certificate issued by a financial institution).

Additionally for applicants under the age of 18:

- In the case of joint parental authority and the reunification with only one parent: indefinite notarized statement of consent remaining in Russia of the person having parental rights to travel and a constant (!) the child's stay in the Federal Republic of Germany to adulthood with a certified translation into German with 1 copy;
- 1 copy of the internal passport of the person remaining in Russia with parental rights;
- In the case of the sole parental right of one of the parents: the decision of the Russian court on the deprivation of parental rights or the death certificate of another person who had parental rights, with an apostille and with a certified translation into German with 1 copy.

Important information:

- If your goal is to reunite with a German citizen, this memo is not suitable for you. In this case, when preparing documents, please refer to the relevant memos, for example, "Visa for reunification with a spouse who has citizenship or a residence permit in Germany", "Visa for the reunification of a minor child with a person who has parental rights and has citizenship or a residence permit in Germany", "Visa for the reunification of other family members in the presence of circumstances of special severity."
- A visa for reunification with a spouse can be issued only if both spouses are 18 years old.
- In case of moving for the purpose of marriage with an EU/EEA citizen, please refer to the memo "Visa for marriage with the purpose of subsequent permanent residence". Confirmation of initial knowledge of German at A1 level is not required.
- In accordance with the Law on the Right of Free Movement, the required amount of security for a family member must correspond to the amount necessary to cover his basic needs at home. When applying for a visa, it is necessary to provide a written confirmation of the actual maintenance, for example, in the form of a certificate issued by a financial

institution. Providing a free-form application of a family member or a citizen of the European Union himself, which, for example, confirms the existence of security in the past and its continuation in the future, will not be sufficient without documentary confirmation.

- It is required to provide medical insurance for an EU/EEA citizen and family members. The necessary provision of generally accepted medical insurance will be considered sufficient if it includes the following list of services in the scope of state medical insurance:
 - medical and dental services,
 - provision of medicines, dressings, medicines and auxiliary materials,
 - inpatient treatment,
 - medical rehabilitation services, as well as
 - pregnancy and childbirth management services.
- If remaining in the Russian Federation of the person having parental rights, there is no possibility in the near future or in the future to Express the will (for example, to issue a statement on the consent of the child for permanent residence in the Federal Republic of Germany), the person who holds parental rights, and which is planned reunion, **before** the filing of the application shall e-mail contact with the German foreign office in the Russian Federation in accordance with its consular district.
- 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;
- medical insurance policy issued in the EU;
- invitation of an EU/EEA citizen residing in Germany;
- a copy of the passport citizen of the EU /EEA, and a certificate of registration at the place of residence;
- biography with a detailed description of professional activities;
- when moving together: lease agreement, ownership document;
- confirmation of relationship with an EU/EEA citizen;
- if necessary, certificates and documents about previous marriages;
- confirmation of the sole parental right or notarized consent to the departure of the child from the parent remaining in Russia;
- proof of employment of an EU/EEA citizen;
- confirmation of the existence of sufficient means of subsistence for a non-working citizen of the EU/EEA;
- confirmation of the provision of content;
- 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.