

Visa for reunification of parents or parents of a spouse of a highly skilled worker

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.
- **Proof of relationship with apostille and certified translation into German** with 1 copy.
- **The residence permit** of the Federal Republic of Germany of the highly qualified worker with whom reunification is planned with 1 copy.
- **The passport** of the highly qualified worker with whom reunification is planned with 1 copy.
- **Certificate of registration in Germany** (Meldebescheinigung) of a highly qualified worker with whom reunification is planned (not older than 6 months at the time of filing the visa application) with 1 copy.
- **Informal invitation** from a highly qualified worker for permanent joint residence in the territory of Germany with 1 copy.
- Documents confirming the **place of residence in Germany** after moving with 1 copy.
- Evidence of how you intend to **support yourself in Germany** or that a qualified worker living in Germany can clearly provide you with a livelihood 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.** It is necessary to provide proof of the availability of private health insurance for a long-term stay in Germany. Please collect the necessary information about the terms and cost of private health insurance in advance. Health insurance policies for those traveling abroad are not sufficient in this sense. They may not contain the necessary insurance conditions if a long-term stay is planned. A medical insurance policy can be provided upon receipt of a visa.
- If necessary, other documents with a certified translation into German with 1 copy.

Important information:

- **The EU Blue Card** for highly skilled workers with whom reunification is planned is to be issued for the first time **after March 2024**.
- After the appropriate check, the visa section of the German Embassy in Moscow will forward your application to the Foreigners' Office at the place of your planned stay in Germany. The participation of the Foreigners' Office is required by law. Before the visa section of the German Embassy in Moscow makes a decision on your application, you must wait for the decision of the competent local German immigration authority.
- 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 during the submission of documents.

- 1 photo;
- application form with an attached photo;
- medical insurance policy issued in the EU;
- informal invitation;
- a copy of the passport, a residence permit and certificate of registration in Germany;
- proof of relationship;
- place of Residence in Germany: lease agreement, ownership document;
- financial guarantee;
- biography;
- 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.