



## VISA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES/SPOUSES

Dear Applicant,

thank you very much for your interest in relocating to the Federal Republic of Germany on a Residence Permit.

If you reside in South Africa (excluding the Northern, Eastern and Western Cape regions) and your main destination is Germany, you have to submit your visa application to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Pretoria. **If you are a non-South African citizen, you are kindly asked to provide proof of your South African residence permit.**

We request that you take advantage of our **Online Appointment Booking System**.  
Please visit <http://www.visa-germany.co.za/> or call: 0861 – 00 22 45.

Applications must be submitted **in person** and **may not be submitted by courier, regular post, fax or e-mail**.

The fee for a residence permit is the **equivalent of €60.00**. The fee has to be paid in cash and in South African Rands upon application. Please refer to our website [www.pretoria.diplo.de](http://www.pretoria.diplo.de) for the applicable rate or exceptions. For spouses to German or Eu-citizens or to the parent of a German or Eu-minor the visa fee is waived.

Please note, that we can only accept complete applications. In order to ensure that your application can be processed without delay, **please submit the following documents in original:**

**If the applicant requires the original to be returned, two copies of said document needs to be submitted as well.** Unfortunately the Embassy can not provide copies.

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| • <b>Two duly completed Residence Visa Application forms „Application for a Residence Permit“</b><br>(please ensure that you sign the form).   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>A valid passport with at least two blank pages &amp; valid for at least another six months</b><br>(please ensure that your passport is signed)  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>Two recent passport photograph according to biometric specifications</b><br>(for further details regarding biometric specifications of photos please refer to the sample tables on our homepage).   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>Two Declarations on True and Complete Information in accordance with §55 Residence Act, signed and dated.</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>An unabridged marriage certificate stamped with an Apostille of the South African High Court/Foreign Affairs i.e. a valid marriage certificate accepted by the German legal system.</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>Language Certificate A1 („Start Deutsch 1“) from the Goethe Institute or any other language certificate issued by the 'Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE)' . In South Africa the competent authority is the Goethe Institute as well or: The applicant's university degree.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>If the Spouse/Family member is German: Copy of the passport or ID</b><br>- Copy of the rental contract of the spouse living in Germany<br>- Proof on how the spouse will be/is earning/making a living in Germany (e.g. Work contract, scholarship,bursary, etc.)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>If the spouse is not German: Copy of the passport with a copy of the Residence permit</b><br>– Copy of the rental contract for the fiance/spouse living in Germany<br>– Proof on how the fiance/spouse will be earning/making a living in Germany (e.g.Work contract,scholarship,bursary)     | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>Police Clearance Certificate (not older than three months)</b><br>Please note it can take up to ten weeks from application for this clearance certificate to be issued.   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>Proof of health insurance valid from date of arrival</b> (German Statutory/National or Private health insurance).   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Subsequent immigration of family members</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <b>Marriage certificate of parents</b> - An 'unabridged marriage certificate' stamped with an Apostille i.e. German marriage certificate.  |   |
| • <b>Birth certificates of children</b> - 'unabridged birth certificate' stamped with an Apostille i.e. German birth certificate.  |   |
| • Copy of the parents passport with a copy of the residence permit.  |   |
| • Copy of the rental contract of the parents living in Germany.  |   |
| • Proof on how the parents earn/make a living in Germany (e.g. Work contract, scholarship,bursary, etc.)   |   |
| • If applicable – proof of custody from the courts/certified consent of legal guardians to travel.   |   |
| • If applicable – acknowledgement of paternity.  |   |
| • If applicable – proof of a valid adoption being in process of the German legal system  |   |

Please note that each visa application is reviewed individually. Therefore, the requested documents might vary. The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents. Besides, the submission of the above mentioned documents does not guarantee the issue of a visa. Once a visa has been issued, the purpose of the trip may not be altered. The German Embassy requires approximately **two to three months** to process your **complete** visa application. **We strongly recommend that you do not purchase a flight ticket unless the visa has been granted.**

We kindly ask that no status requests on the visa application be made during the first two months. **We will notify the applicant on any change of status or progress of the application as soon as possible and whenever the need arises.**