

Visa requirements for family reunion

Please, note that applications must be handed in by the applicant **in person**. Any matters regarding the visa application can only be discussed with the applicant.

Visa applications may be submitted at this Embassy by appointment only. Appointments can be made online at www.prag.diplo.de/Terminvergabe.

A residence title for foreigners can be issued directly in the federal territory if the person is entitled to reside in the federal territory on the basis of a residence title issued by another Schengen state, provided that the requirements for an entitlement to be issued are met (usually in the case of family reunification with Germans).

<p>Please observe the following information and provide the original of the following documents including 2 photocopies.</p> <p>Documents in a foreign language must be provided with an official translation into German.</p>	
1	<p>2 application forms</p> <p>completely filled out, signed by hand Link to the VINDEX form: https://videx-national.diplo.de</p>
2	<p>Valid passport + 2 copies (of all relevant sides)</p> <p>The passport needs to contain at least two empty pages. Please copy the laminated page containing personal information and all pages with visas.</p>
3	<p>Residence permit + 2 copies</p> <p>Proof of the residence title for the Czech Republic – please, copy front and back. As this Embassy is competent only for applicants residing in the Czech Republic, further documents may be required to prove the applicant's place of residence, i. e. lease-contract, working-contract etc.</p>
4	<p>2 photos</p> <p>Two recent biometric passport photographs (in colour, not older than 6 months).</p>
5	<p>Proof of family relation with the family member living in Germany + 2 copies</p> <p>e.g. certificate of marriage or certificate of birth, civil partnership contracts, acknowledgement of paternity, confirmation of adoption etc. Foreign certificates must be authenticated (e.g. apostille or legalization). Foreign judgments may have been previously recognized in Germany.</p> <p>If you intend to enter Germany for marriage and subsequent family reunification, a letter from the register office must be provided, stating, in addition to the date of the wedding, that all legal requirements for the marriage have been met.</p>
6	<p>If the family member living in Germany has got German nationality + 2 copies</p> <p>Please provide the following documents with 2 copies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copy of the German passport or ID card - Proof of accomodation in Germany (e.g. rental agreement) - If possible: Proof of sufficient financial means (e.g. employment contract, wage statements, proof of reserves and assets) - Exception: In the case of children's access to German nationals, proof of sufficient financial resources may be waived. <p>If the family member living in Germany is neither German nor EU national + 2 copies</p> <p>Please provide the following documents with 2 copies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copy of the foreign passport and German residence permit - Proof of accomodation in Germany (e.g. rental agreement) - Proof of sufficient financial resources (e.g. employment contract, wage statements, proof of reserves and assets)

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<p>If the subsequent immigration of a spouse is intended + 2 copies</p> <p>For minor applicants + 2 copies</p>		<p>Proof of sufficient knowledge of German (level "A 1" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) must also be provided (+ 2 copies), unless sufficient knowledge is evident at the counter. When applying for the visa, the language skills need to be proved with a language certificate at least on the A1 level of an ALTE certified examiner (not older than one year), who has got a branch office with a delegate (for example, the local Goethe-Institut). In addition, language certificates from the following providers acquired in Germany can be recognized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - „Start Deutsch 1“ of Goethe-Institut e.V. - „Start Deutsch 1“ of Telc GmbH - „Grundstufe Deutsch 1“ of the Österreichischen Sprachdiploms (ÖSD) - „TestDaF“ of TestDaF-Institut e.V. - ECL Examination Centre <p>Language certificates of other providers <u>cannot</u> be recognized during the visa procedure.</p> <p>Furthermore, the language certificate does not have to be submitted in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proven physical or mental disability - spouses of highly qualified persons, scientists, holder of a „Blue Card EU“, - company founders - asylum seekers and recognized refugees of the Geneva Convention - persons with recognizable low integration needs - spouses of nationals of other EU countries - spouses of foreign nationals of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, New Zealand and the United States. <p>Proof of custody and the consent of all persons being in custody.</p> <p>For family reunification (not spouse reunification!) of family members who have already completed the age of 16, a detailed explanation must be presented, why subsequent immigration is required.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>health insurance + 2 copies</p>	<p>Proof of health insurance valid from the date of arrival and for the duration of the in-tended stay in Germany (German Statutory ["gesetzliche Krankenversicherung"] or Private Health Insurance / at least 6 months).</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Visa fee</p>	<p>The visa fee is 75 €, payable in cash in CZK at current exchange rate or with credit card (Mastercard or Visa). The visa fee is a handling fee. There will be no refund in case the application will be denied or withdrawn. Family members of German citizens may possibly be exempt from the fee (please ask the personel at the counter when applying).</p>

Please note:

- Please arrive punctually at the beginning of your appointment with fully completed applications and the documents specified in the information sheet, otherwise your application cannot be accepted and you will have to book a new appointment.
- Please hand in your documents in the above-mentioned order - the originals and, separately, one set of copies each.
- Each visa application is an individual case. The documents to be submitted may therefore differ from case to case. It is possible at any time during the visa procedure that additional documents may be required.
- The processing time for a complete visa application usually takes about 4-6 weeks because German authorities have to be involved.
- Applicants will be contacted by the Embassy immediately about new developments in their procedure. Please refrain from enquiries about the current status of proceedings.
- Please check immediately after receipt of the visa whether all information on the visa label is correct. The applicant is generally liable for corrections due to later complaints.

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