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Applying for a residence permit for the spouse's reunification with foreigners

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010023001005
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for a residence permit for the spouse's reunification with foreigners
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hessen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für

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	Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	03.11.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Hessian Ministry of the Interior and Sport
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_29.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_30.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_27.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_29.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_30.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_27.html
Teaser	If you want to join your foreign spouse or partner in Germany, you can obtain a residence permit for family reunification if you meet certain requirements.
Volltext	<p>The residence permit can be issued if you and your spouse or partner have reached the age of 18, although the minimum age may be waived in certain cases.</p> <p>As a rule, you must prove basic language skills. With simple language skills, you should be able to communicate easily in everyday life on German, for example, ask for directions, shop and introduce yourself. There are several exceptions to the requirement of proof of language skills. If, for example, the foreign person is in possession of an EU ICT Blue Card or Mobile ICT Card, you do not need to prove your language skills. Information on other exceptions to language skills can be obtained from your competent authority.</p>

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The residence permit for family reunification is a temporary residence title. It is issued for the period of validity of the family member's residence permit in Germany - for at least one year. If the residence permit of the foreign person living in Germany is valid for less than one year, the residence permit is also issued for the shorter duration.

The residence permit issued for family reunification entitles the holder to engage in gainful employment.

Under certain circumstances, the Foreigners' Registration Office may oblige you to attend an integration course. This will then be noted on your residence permit.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Valid passport
- Current biometric photo
- Visa, if required
- Residence permit of the foreign person in Germany to whom the reunification takes place
- In the case of family reunification with spouse: international marriage certificate as officially certified copy or marriage certificate in original language as an officially certified copy or marriage certificate checked by the German mission abroad for authenticity and correctness of content in original language and in German translation
- In the case of family reunification to the life partner: partnership certificate
- If applicable, proof of basic German language skills (A1 certificate)
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- Proof of subsistence
- Proof of housing conditions (e.g. rental agreement or purchase contract with information on the number of square meters of living space)

Voraussetzungen

- You have a recognized and valid passport or passport substitute and, if required for entry - an appropriate visa.
- There is no interest in expulsion against you.
- Your stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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- The foreign person in Germany has a valid residence permit, settlement permit, permanent residence permit, EU Blue Card, ICT card or mobile ICT card.
- You and your spouse or partner are at least 18 years old.
- You can prove basic language skills, if necessary.
- Your spouse or partner has sufficient health insurance coverage and financial resources to provide for your family.
- Your spouse or partner has successfully rented an apartment in Germany that offers enough space for your family.

Kosten

Issue of residence permit: EUR 100.00

Under certain conditions, a fee reduction or exemption may be considered.

Verfahrensablauf

The residence permit must be applied for at the immigration authority responsible for your place of residence. The procedure is as follows:

- Depending on the immigration authority and concerns, it may be possible to apply via the Internet. Find out whether your immigration authority offers the electronic application for a residence permit.
- If the application is only possible in person, make an appointment with the Foreigners' Registration Office. During the appointment, your application will be received and your supporting documents will be checked (bring them with you to the appointment). Your fingerprints will be taken for the production of an electronic residence permit (eAT).
- In the event of an electronic application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you upon receipt of your online application in order to make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office if necessary. During the appointment, your documents will be checked (bring them with you to the appointment) and your fingerprints will be taken for the production of the electronic residence title (eAT).
- If your application is granted, the Foreigners' Registration Office will arrange for the eAT.
- After about six to eight weeks, you can pick up the eAT at the Foreigners' Registration Office.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eAT must always be picked up in person. <p>Fees apply for the issuance of the residence permit. The timing and form of payment vary depending on the authority.</p>
Bearbeitungsdauer	about six to eight weeks
Frist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The residence permit should be applied for at least eight weeks before the expiry of your valid visa. • Opposition period: 1 month
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence permit for family reasons Issue for the reunification of spouses to foreigners • Spouses of a foreign person can obtain the residence permit for family reasons if the foreign person has a settlement permit, EU permanent residence permit, residence permit, EU Blue Card, ICT card or Mobile ICT or is entitled to reside in Germany within the framework of short-term mobility for researchers. • In principle, the residence permit can be issued if both spouses have reached the age of 18 and sufficient living space is available in Germany. • As a rule, the following person must prove basic language skills. • The residence permit for spouse reunification is a temporary residence title. It is issued for the period of validity of the residence permit of the foreign person for whom family reunification takes place. • Under certain circumstances, the immigration authority may oblige the person moving to attend the integration course. • Spouse reunification also applies to same-sex civil partnerships. • Depending on the immigration authority and concerns, the application is possible via the Internet or in person. • There is a fee for the issuance of the residence permit. The timing and form of payment vary

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	<p>depending on the authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible: the immigration authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	The foreigners' authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence
Formulare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms: Forms can be obtained from your immigration office, if necessary they are also offered online • Online procedures possible in some cases • Written form required: yes • Personal appearance required: yes
Ursprungsportal	Aufenthaltserlaubnis für den Nachzug des Ehegatten zu Ausländern beantragen, Applying for a residence permit for the spouse's reunification with foreigners