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Apply for a residence permit for a foreign spouse to join a German spouse

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010023001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a residence permit for a foreign spouse to join a German spouse
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Thüringen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
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	16.12.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Thuringian Ministry for Migration, Justice and Consumer Protection (TMMJV)
Handlungsgrundlage	§ Section 28 (1) sentence 1 no. 1 AufenthG https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_28.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_28.html
Teaser	You can obtain a residence permit for family reunification in order to establish or continue a marital partnership or registered partnership with a German.
Volltext	You can obtain a residence permit for family reunification as the spouse or registered partner of a German if you come from a country outside the EU or the EEA. The prerequisite is that you want to establish or continue a family partnership in Germany. As a rule, a family relationship exists if you live together with your reference person in a shared apartment. If you do not live together in a shared apartment, your spouse or partner should maintain regular contact with each other that goes beyond mere visits. A further prerequisite for the granting of a residence permit is that your spouse or life partner has his or her habitual place of residence in Germany. A person has his or her habitual residence where he or she has the center of his or her life and does not just stay temporarily. As a rule, you should be able to communicate in German in everyday life with a simple knowledge of the language - that is, in a straightforward manner - for example, to ask for directions, go shopping and introduce yourself. Proof of language skills is not required in every case. You can obtain more information about this from the relevant foreigners authority. Under certain

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circumstances, the foreigners authority may require you to attend an integration course when issuing your residence permit. This will then be noted on your residence permit. The residence permit is a temporary residence title and is issued for at least one year.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Valid passport or passport replacement
- Current biometric photo
- Visa, as far as it was necessary for the entry
- Marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate
- If necessary, proof of basic German language skills (A1 certificate)
- Current certificate of registration
- Current certificate of registration of the reference person in Germany

In individual cases, the Foreigners' Registration Office may request further documents

Voraussetzungen

- You have a recognized and valid passport or passport replacement and - if required for entry - an appropriate visa. - You want to establish or continue the marital partnership or life partnership with a German. - You and your spouse or life partner have reached the age of 18. - You can prove simple language skills, if required. - Your German spouse or life partner has the habitual residence in Germany. - There is no interest in deportation against you. Your stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Kosten

Gebühr: 100€
 Under certain circumstances, a fee reduction or fee waiver may be considered. Notes: Additional fees may apply for the issuance of the residence permit in the form of the electronic residence title, which can also be used as electronic proof of identity. The time and the form of the fee collection as well as the payment vary depending on the authority.

Verfahrensablauf

The procedure is as follows: - Depending on the foreigners authority and your request, it may be possible to apply via the Internet. Find out whether your foreigners authority offers electronic application for the residence permit. - If the application is only possible in person, make an appointment with the

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Aliens' Registration Office. During the appointment, your application will be received and your supporting documents will be checked (bring them with you to the appointment). For the production of an electronic residence permit (eAT) your fingerprints will be taken. - In the case of an electronic application, the Aliens' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your online application to arrange an appointment at the Aliens' Registration Office if necessary. During the appointment, your supporting documents will be checked (bring them with you to the appointment) and your fingerprints will be taken for the production of the eAT. - If your application is granted, the Aliens' Registration Office will arrange for the eAT to be produced. - After about six to eight weeks you can pick up the eAT at the Aliens' Registration Office. - The eAT must always be collected in person.

Bearbeitungsdauer

about six to eight weeks

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- The residence permit should be applied for no later than eight weeks before the expiry of your still valid visa or your current residence permit or - if you are legally residing in Germany without a visa - within 90 days of entry.
- Action period: 1 month

weiterführende Informationen
Hinweise

Note on registered civil partnerships:

A civil partnership registered in Germany is recognized. Whether a civil partnership registered abroad has legal effect must be examined by the foreigners authority in each individual case.

Rechtsbehelf

An appeal against the decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office may be filed with the court specified in the decision.

Kurztext

- Residence Permit for Family Reasons, Issuance for Family Reunification of a Foreign Spouse to a German - Third-country spouses of a German can obtain a residence permit for family reunification in order to establish or continue a marital partnership, if the reference person has his or her center of life in

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	<p>Germany. - The residence permit can generally be issued if both spouses have reached the age of 18. - As a rule, the person joining the spouse must prove that he or she has basic language skills. - The regulations on spousal reunification also apply to civil partnerships. - The residence permit for joining spouses is a temporary residence title and is issued for at least one year. - Under certain circumstances, the foreigners authority may require the person joining the spouse to attend an integration course. - Depending on the foreigners authority and the request, the application can be made via the Internet or in person. - A fee is charged for the issuance of the residence permit. The timing as well as the form of payment varies depending on the authority. - Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.</p>
Ansprechpunkt	The immigration authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.
Zuständige Stelle	The immigration authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.
Formulare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online procedure possible in isolated cases • Written form required • Personal appearance required
Ursprungsportal	Apply for a residence permit for a foreign spouse to join a German spouse, Aufenthaltserlaubnis für den Nachzug eines ausländischen Ehegatten zu einem Deutschen beantragen