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Residence permit for family reasons Issuance for family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German spouse

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010023001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Residence permit for family reasons Issuance for family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German spouse
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Residence permit for family reasons Issuance for family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German spouse
Typisierung	3 - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung

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Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	26.10.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_28.html
Teaser	If you are a third-country national and want to live together with your German spouse or partner in Germany, you can obtain a residence permit for family reunification.
Volltext	<p>You can obtain a residence permit for family reunification as the spouse or life partner of a German if you wish to live together in Germany.</p> <p>The residence permit is issued for a limited period of at least one year and entitles you to pursue gainful employment.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized and valid identity document (for example passport or passport substitute) • Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm) • Visa, if it was required for entry into the country • Proof of the existence of marriage or civil partnership (for example marriage certificate) • Proof of knowledge of the German language at least on level A1 (for example language certificate, German school, training or university certificates, proof of successful participation in integration course)

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The documents and information must always be presented in German. In individual cases, the Aliens' Registration Office may require less or further proof.

Voraussetzungen

- You are a citizen of a country outside the EU or the EEA.
- You are the spouse or life partner of a German citizen.
- You and your spouse or life partner have reached the age of 18.
- Your German spouse or life partner has his or her habitual residence in Germany (i.e. his or her center of life is not only temporarily in Germany).
- Your marriage/life partnership with the German national is validly concluded and still exists.

Please note: For the validity of the marriage, the form specified at the place of marriage and the marriage requirements there are decisive. The marriage no longer exists if it has been divorced, annulled or declared invalid by an unappealable decision of a competent body.

- You and your spouse/life partner live together in a family relationship (for example, you share a common home). If you do not live together in a shared apartment, you may be considered to be living together as a family if you maintain regular contact with each other that goes beyond mere visits.
- You can communicate at least in a simple way in German (level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). This can be waived if there are no German courses offered in your country of origin, if they are too expensive or if you cannot attend them for other reasons.

Please note: under certain circumstances, the Aliens' Registration Office may require you to attend an integration course. This will then be noted on your residence permit.

- There is no interest in deportation against you.

Your stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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Kosten	<p data-bbox="507 383 1075 416">Issuance of residence permit: EUR 100.00</p> <p data-bbox="507 459 1158 533">Under certain conditions, a fee reduction or fee exemption may be considered.</p> <p data-bbox="507 571 622 604">Remark:</p> <p data-bbox="507 647 1257 797">Additional fees may apply for the issuance of the residence permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as electronic proof of identity.</p> <p data-bbox="507 835 1203 909">The timing as well as the form of fee collection and payment vary depending on the authority.</p> <p data-bbox="507 947 1252 1095">In certain cases, fee reductions or exemptions may be considered (for example, for persons entitled to asylum or recognized refugees). Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<p data-bbox="507 1128 890 1162">The procedure is as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="507 1205 1257 2065" style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on the Foreigners' Registration Office and your concerns, it may be possible to apply via the Internet. Find out whether your Foreigners' Registration Office offers the electronic application for a residence permit. • If it is only possible to apply in person, please make an appointment with the Foreigners' Registration Office. During the appointment, your application will be accepted 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 case of an electronic application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receipt of your online application in order to make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office if necessary. During the appointment, your certificates 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 Foreigners' Registration Office will arrange for the eAT to be issued.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After about six to eight weeks, you can pick up the eAT at the Foreigners' Registration Office. • The eAT must always be picked up in person.
Bearbeitungsdauer	Approximately six to eight weeks For more information on processing time: The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. It takes about 4 to 6 weeks for the Bundesdruckerei to produce the electronic residence permit.
Frist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The residence permit should be applied for no later than eight weeks before the expiry of your valid visa or current residence permit or – if you are legally staying in Germany without a visa – within 90 days of entry. • Deadline for filing an action: 1 month
weiterführende Informationen	https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/MigrationAufenthalt/ZuwandererDrittstaaten/Familie/NachzugZuDeutschen/nachzug-zu-deutschen-node.html https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/EMN/Studien/wp73-emn-familiennachzug-drittstaatsangehoerige-deutschland.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=18 https://www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ib-de/ich-moechte-mehr-wissen-ueber/familienzusammenfuehrung https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/MigrationAufenthalt/ZuwandererDrittstaaten/Familie/NachzugZuDeutschen/nachzug-zu-deutschen-node.html https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/EMN/Studien/wp73-emn-familiennachzug-drittstaatsangehoerige-deutschland.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=18 https://www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ib-de/ich-moechte-mehr-wissen-ueber/familienzusammenfuehrung
Hinweise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a rule, family reunification with Germans does not require a guarantee of livelihood. • A residence permit is excluded if the marriage or civil partnership was forced or only entered into for the purpose of joining the family in Germany. • If multiple marriage is permitted in the country of origin, only the spouse or life partner of the first marriage is entitled to join the family. • The procedure at the Aliens' Registration Office is usually conducted in German. • All information given to the Aliens' Registration Office should be correct and complete to the best of your

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knowledge and belief, so that the request can be processed without major delays.

- Incorrect or incomplete information can slow down the procedure and be disadvantageous for the person concerned. In a serious case, incorrect or incomplete information that is not completed or corrected in time vis-à-vis the Aliens Department may result in the revocation of residence rights already granted, a fine, a prison sentence of up to three years, or expulsion from the Federal territory.
- Due to the complexity of the right of residence, this description is for information purposes only and is not legally binding.

Rechtsbehelf

An appeal against a negative decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office can be brought before the competent administrative court.

A preliminary procedure (opposition) does not take place in Lower Saxony.

Detailed information can be found in the rejection notice.

Kurztext

- Residence permit for family reasons Issued for the family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German.
- Covers the subsequent immigration of third-country national spouses or registered partners of German nationals.
- The German national must have habitual residence in Germany (i.e. the center of life is not only temporarily in Germany).
- The spouses must have reached the age of 18.
- The marriage/life partnership must have been validly concluded and still exist.
- The spouses have an actual life partnership with mutual responsibility for each other (e.g. shared apartment or regular contact that goes beyond mere visits).
- The third-country national spouse or partner must be able to prove knowledge of German at least at the A1 level (exceptions are possible, for example, if no German courses are offered in the country of origin, if they are too expensive or if they cannot be attended for other reasons).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The residence permit is usually issued for a limited period of three years. • Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	<p>Forms available: No</p> <p>Written form required: No</p> <p>Informal application possible: Yes</p> <p>Personal appearance required: Yes</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Aufenthaltserlaubnis aus familiären Gründen Erteilung für den Familiennachzug eines ausländischen Ehegatten zu einem Deutschen, Residence permit for family reasons Issuance for family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German spouse</p>