

RESIDENCE PERMIT – for family reunion, spouse is German or non-EU/EEA-national

Please prepare the following documents for your interview:

- completed application form for a residence permit
- one recent biometric passport photo
- Valid passport plus a copy of data page
- marriage certificate/civil union certificate plus one plain copy. The marriage has to be valid according to the German family law. Non-German (e.g. New Zealand) marriage certificates are accepted with an Apostille. An Apostille is a certification provided under the Hague convention of 1961 for authenticating documents for use in foreign countries. If the marriage took place in a third country that is not a member of this treaty, please contact this country's authorities or the German Consulate in this country in order to find out how to obtain legalization of your marriage certificate.
- your spouse's German passport in original plus one plain copy
- proof of A1 German language certificate or university degree certificate plus one plain copy (see also exemptions on previous webpage)
- If your spouse is already living in Germany, photocopy of your spouse's registration in Germany (Meldebescheinigung)
- Evidence of valid (travel) insurance
- visa fee of NZD 75 (not applicable to spouses of German nationals)

Please note:

- In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional information
- If the documents to be submitted are not in German or English, a translation must additionally be submitted.
- Please ensure that your application documents are complete. Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application

Please include a self-addressed courier envelope in case you are not picking up the passport