



Visa for family reunion

General information

You apply for a visa **in person at the Embassy in Stockholm**, with all documents stated below. Applications are accepted by appointment only, which is to be booked **online, via the link on our homepage**. Please note that the processing of your application usually takes several weeks. You need to present your original passport when you apply.

Basic information

- Documents not in the German language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Marriage certificates / birth certificates, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- **PLEASE NOTE! Information can be found on the homepage of the German embassy in the respective country.**
- As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the relevant foreigner's authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. 6 – 10 weeks** but can take up to 6 months in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The embassy reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.
<input type="checkbox"/> One fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid and personally signed passport with at least two completely empty pages
<input type="checkbox"/> One recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
<input type="checkbox"/> One uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
<input type="checkbox"/> A valid Swedish residence permit (original + 1 copy): <i>Uppehållstillstånd</i> -card
<input type="checkbox"/> Extract of the population register <i>Personbevis (familjebevis)</i> in English, issued, sealed and signed by the Swedish tax authority <i>Skatteverket</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Application fee, at the moment 860,- SEK , depending on exchange rate (originally € 75,-). The fee can be paid with credit/debit card (MasterCard/VISA only) or in cash (Swedish kronor only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Postage fee 140,- SEK for registered mail return of your passport when the visa has been issued.
<input type="checkbox"/> marriage certificate (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/> If you got married in Sweden, also submit the registration form <i>intyg vigsel</i> issued by the Swedish tax authority <i>Skatteverket</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> If you married in a country other than Germany or Sweden: Marriage certificate with translation into German and an apostille stamp or legalisation (everything in original and 1 copy). Information can be found on the homepage of the German embassy in the respective country.
<input type="checkbox"/> For family reunion with children: birth certificate of children with translation into German and an apostille stamp or legalisation (everything in original and 1 copy). Information can be found on the homepage of the German embassy in the respective country.
<input type="checkbox"/> One copy of your husband's/wife's passport, if your spouse is not a German citizen, add 1 copy of the German residence permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence of the spouse / parent in Germany (Meldebescheinigung)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of basic knowledge of the German language (please consider the information sheet concerning the language requirements)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of adequate health insurance cover (please consider the information sheet concerning the language requirements)

Please note: The embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents or information deemed necessary for processing your application at any time during the process and assumes no responsibility for applications submitted too close to your planned departure. Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

Please note: The Visa Section is not able to provide individual advice or pre-screening of documents. In case of further inquiries that are not being answered on our website, you may contact the Visa Section via Email at visa@stoc.diplo.de.

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