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# Residence permit; application for family reunification with foreigners

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010023001000, 99010023001000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Residence permit; application for family reunification with foreigners
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3a - Bund: Regelung, Land: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Saarland
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 Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind





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Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	09.02.2025
Fachlich freigegen durch	State Administration Office
Handlungsgrundlage	§§ 28 ff. AufenthG
Teaser	You can apply for a residence permit for family reunification.
Volltext	Marriage and family are under the special protection of the Basic Law. For this reason, German nationals and foreign nationals residing in Germany with a settlement permit, an EU permanent residence permit, a residence permit, an EU Blue Card, an ICT Card or a Mobile ICT Card (see under "Related topics") can have their foreign spouse/partner and minor children join them under certain conditions, allow their foreign spouse/partner and underage children to join them under certain conditions. The group of unaccompanied refugee minors is a special case. They can also have their parents join them until they reach the age of 18. The individual regulations on the reunification of foreign family members, which also apply to the reunification of life partners, are set out in great detail in the Residence Act. The possibilities and requirements for family reunification depend on the type of residence permit and the underlying purpose of the stay of the family member already living in Germany. Before foreign spouses/life partners or underage children can travel to Germany, they require a visa for family reunification, which they can apply for at the German diplomatic mission in their home country (see "National visa; issue and extension" under "Related topics"). Whether there are exceptions to the visa requirement - for example for certain countries of origin - can be found in the EU Visa Regulation, among other things. In case of doubt, please contact the German embassy in your country of origin or the immigration authority in your place of residence.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

• The documents to be submitted may vary





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considerably. Please enquire at the foreigners authority.

# Voraussetzungen

What all cases of family reunification have in common is that the spouse/partner and underage children must enter the country to establish and maintain the family relationship or civil partnership.

In principle, the following additional requirements must be met for family reunification: The family member for whom family reunification is taking place must be in possession of a residence permit, Sufficient living space must be available,

- the means of subsistence must be ensured,
- Both spouses must be of legal age
- the spouse joining the family must be able to communicate easily in German.

This is intended to encourage the person concerned to acquire a basic knowledge of German before entering the country and thus facilitate their integration in Germany. Exceptions to the requirement for proof of language skills apply, for example, if it is not possible or reasonable for the spouse to make efforts to acquire a basic knowledge of German before entering the country due to special circumstances of the individual case, in the case of spouses of business people who will only be working and living in Germany temporarily, or in the case of persons with a university degree. With regard to the living space requirement, there is an exception for reunification with holders of an EU Blue Card, other skilled workers, certain scientists, self-employed persons and some other groups of people. In the case of reunification with holders of an EU Blue Card, proof of livelihood is not required under certain conditions. Family members other than spouses/partners and underage children, such as grandparents, parents-in-law, siblings, uncles, aunts and grandchildren, may only be allowed to join family members in cases of exceptional hardship. There are high requirements for the existence of a case of exceptional hardship. No benefits are provided for such foreign family members of Germans. Exceptions apply to the parents of holders of an EU





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Blue Card, other skilled workers, certain scientists, self-employed persons and some other groups of people; in these cases, the parents may also be allowed to join them if their livelihood is secure. This also includes the reunification of parents-in-law, provided the spouse resides or will reside permanently in Germany. Family reunification is excluded in the following cases, among others:

- to foreigners who are in Germany as asylum seekers and whose asylum procedure has not yet been completed,
- to foreigners who are obliged to leave Germany, including those whose deportation has been temporarily suspended (e.g. due to inability to travel, lack of passport or interrupted or missing transport connections), i.e. who are only staying in Germany on a tolerated basis,
- to foreigners who have only been granted a residence permit for a temporary stay for urgent humanitarian or personal reasons or because significant public interests require their continued temporary presence.

#### Kosten

- Issuing the residence permit: 100 euros
- Extension for a further stay of up to three months: 96 euros
- Extension for a further stay of more than three months: 93 euros
- Costs for the visa, if applicable

### Verfahrensablauf

- Find out whether your foreigners authority allows you to apply online or has a special application form. If you have entered your place of residence, you may be referred to the application form or the online procedure under "Forms" or "Online procedure".
- If the application can only be made in person, make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office. If you apply online, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your application to arrange an appointment.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your documents to the appointment, in the original if possible).
- If your application is approved, your fingerprints will





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	be taken in order to produce the residence permit in the form of a new electronic residence permit (eAT).  • The Foreigners' Registration Office will commission the Bundesdruckerei to produce the eAT. After completion, you will receive information and can collect your residence permit from the responsible office. This must always be collected in person.  • If your application is rejected, you will receive a notice of rejection.
Bearbeitungsdauer	
Frist	The application should be submitted to the Foreigners' Registration Office at least eight weeks before your valid residence permit expires.
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	Administrative court action
Kurztext	You can apply for a residence permit for family reunification.
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	Central Aliens Office of the Saarland
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Aufenthaltserlaubnis; Beantragung für den Familiennachzug zu Ausländern, Residence permit; application for family reunification with foreigners