



Application for a Visa for the Purpose of Family Reunion child joining foreign / german parent in Germany

This is to inform you that all checklists as well as application forms are free of costs. The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany hereby wishes to inform you that the competent alien's authority in Germany has to be notified about any longterm visa application and give its consent according to the travel purpose.

Nigerian documents are subject to a **document verification** process you have to calculate at least 5 months processing time with and requires a **fee of 150.000 Naira (only payable in 500 and 1.000 Naira bills)**.

The visa fee amount is 75,00 Euro (only payable in 500 and 1.000 Naira bills). Applications of children of a German or EU-citizens are not subject to the visa fee, however, the applicant needs to prove that his/her parent is a German/EU-citizen when applying for the visa. Please note that a visa application will be rejected in cases of bribery.

Visa applications of minors are possible only if accompanied by a person entitled to custody. If this is not possible, the minor has to be accompanied by an authorized representative. The authorized representative has to bring along the original power of attorney as well as an identification card.

Every applicant is asked to provide the following mandatory documents (**original + 2 copies of each document, unless otherwise specified**) after having booked an appointment via our website www.nigeria.diplo.de:

- 2 Visa Application Forms (Application for a Residence Permit) – no copies required!
- 2 signed declarations according to Section 54 Paragraph 2 Nr. 8 of the German Alien's Law
- Valid passport + 2 copies of its data page and all pages bearing entry and exit stamps
- 2 copies of data page of the passport of the parent living in Germany + 2 copies of Nigerian entry visa and according entry and exit stamp, if applicable
- If applicable: 2 copies of parent`s German residence permit
- 2 identical passport pictures according to biometric specifications, one attached to application form and one loose
- proof of residence of the parent living in Germany
- birth certificate for the child (issued by the National Population Commission at the place of birth)
- Affidavit of Consent of the parent remaining in Nigeria for the relocation of the child to Germany (if not personally present during application interview)*
- in case whereabouts of parent living in Nigeria are unknown: Court order of competent Nigerian court stating that parent in Germany is entitled to sole custody of the child (also indicating that child has been heard in the matter and displaying the reasons for the decision, considering the child`s well-being)
- written consent of parent living in Germany for the child to join him/her

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- registration of birth of the hospital and name/address of the clinic**
- all school records, nursery records and names/addresses of schools attended**
- baptismal card and name/address of the church; year of baptism**
- if child is aged 16 or older: proof of German knowledge on the level C1, not older than one year
- old pictures of child and family, if available
- prepaid courier envelope by any major courier service

The following documents of at least one Nigerian parent have to be submitted (if the child applies alone):

- 2 copies of data page of passport/ identification document of the parent remaining in Nigeria
- original marriage certificate and 2 copies
- NPC Birth Certificate / certified true copy from the birth registry or declaration of age* deposited to by one of the parents or head of the family if both parents are deceased (Please note that an NPC birth certificate may only be accepted if the applicant is born after December 13th, 1992)
- affidavit* of marital status of the applicant deposited to by one of the parents or head of family if both parents are deceased stating that you were not married prior to your current marriage
- all school certificates, baptismal card if applicable, any other biographically old documents (vaccination card, voter`s card etc.)**
- 2 completely filled out questionnaires concerning the document verification process

* if applicable with illiterate jurat

** a detailed description of how to get there is necessary if the address in Nigeria is located outside of bigger cities

Supplementary information or evidence may be requested in each individual case.

Please be informed that incomplete applications (e.g. missing set of copies) are likely to be rejected!

Please be informed that the maximum size of a bag/backpack/luggage admissible to the Consulate is 30 cm x 40 cm x 15 cm. Please refrain from bringing bags larger than these measurements with you to your appointments at the Consulate General.

Bags bigger than 30 cm x 40 cm x 15 cm cannot be stored at the Consulate which is why applicants who bring such bags with them cannot be allowed into the Consulate.

Thank you for your understanding.