



Freedom of Movement

If you are a family member (this includes spouse, partner and child. Other special forms of relationship should be clarified with the visa section) of a citizen (who is still alive) of any of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (henceforth referred to as EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen),

(Please take note that the list does not include Germany)

and

you and the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen wish to stay together in Germany mainly as a family

- e.g. you intend to accompany the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen on a business trip or
- you intend to reunite with the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen, who is already living in Germany

then you are entitled to the so called right to free movement.

If a minor is applying for visa, he or she must be accompanied by a person who has right to the custody of the child. A person who has right to custody must authorize another person to accompany the minor, if the person who has right to custody is unable to accompany the minor. The authorized person will however have to present the original letter of authorization and an identification card which carries his or her photograph.

The visa section will give you appointment promptly once you send in your appointment request via email or postal service. The visa is free of charge. Please note that your fingerprints will have to be captured. The following **documents are required**:

- completely filled and personally signed application form (section 34 and 35 of the application must be filled) as well as the declaration according to paragraph 54 of the German residence act
- valid passport
- 1 loose passport photos according to biometric specifications
- Copy of the bio-data page of the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen's passport
- **Original** proof of relationship with the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen (e.g. marriage or birth certificate)
- Proof of plan to stay in Germany together with the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen (e.g. proof that you would stay together in the **same apartment**, flight ticket of the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen or his/her recent proof of registration as a resident in Germany)
- **For minors (under 18 years):**
 - application through the person who has right to custody of the child or letter of consent from the person who has right to custody of the child that the child is permitted to apply for visa. Proof of sole right to child's custody if the parents are divorced
- **Only if you wish to stay more than 90 days:**
 - proof of income of the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen (e.g. pay slip) or
 - if the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen is not in employment, proof of sufficient means of subsistence and health insurance or travel health insurance
- a prepaid courier service-envelope which is addressed to yourself so that we can return your passport and original documents (kindly ensure that the address on the envelope is legible to enable delivery).The Consulate General is unable to cover the postage fee.

If you are not going to stay with the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen in Germany (e.g. a Nigerian intends to travel for a business trip and his British spouse resides in the UK), then you have to apply for a Schengen visa. This attracts visa fee. If you intend to stay for more than 90 days without family reunion with the EU-/EEA-/Swiss citizen, you will have to apply for a national visa.

If applicant is a minor:

- **Original** NPC Child's Birth Certificate
- letter of school confirming current enrolment and sanctioning leave of absence
- consent letter signed from **both parents** regarding child's travel
- copy of both parents passports
- if one parent is deceased: Death Certificate
- if parents are divorced: Court Order regarding child's custody

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

Please refrain from bringing bags with you to your appointments at the Consulate General.

Thank you for your understanding.