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# Residence permit for family reasons issued for the family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010023001001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Residence permit for family reasons issued for the family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for a residence permit for family reasons for the family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German person
Typisierung	3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Family reunion</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Spouse reunification</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">entry</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">residence permit</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">immigration</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Right of residence</div>, <div

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	lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">abode</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Wife</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Husband</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">§ 28 Residence Act (AufenthG)</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	17.04.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	§ 28 paragraph 1 sentence. 1 No. 1 Residence Act (AufenthG)
Teaser	If you, as a third-country national, would like to live in Germany with your German spouse or life partner, you can apply for a residence permit for family reunification.
Volltext	As the spouse or life partner of a German person, you can apply for a residence permit for family reunification if you wish to live together in Germany.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	Recognized and valid identity document (e.g. passport or passport substitute) Current biometric passport photo (45 x 35 mm) Visa, if required for entry Proof of the existence of the marriage or civil partnership (e.g. marriage certificate) Proof of knowledge of the German language at least at level A1 (e.g. language certificate, German school, training or university certificates, proof of successful participation in the integration course The documents and information must generally be presented in German. In individual cases, the immigration authorities may require less or more evidence from you.

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## Sachverhalt

### Voraussetzungen

You are a national of a country outside the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA) You are the spouse or life partner of a German citizen. You and your spouse or life partner are at least 18 years old. Your German spouse or life partner has his or her habitual residence in Germany (i.e. his or her main residence is not only temporarily in Germany). Your marriage/civil partnership with the German citizen is valid and still exists. The validity of the marriage depends on the form and the conditions for marriage specified at the place of marriage. The marriage no longer exists if it is divorced, annulled or declared invalid. You live in a family relationship with your spouse or life partner (for example, share an apartment). If you do not live together in an apartment, it can also be considered sufficient if you have regular contact with each other that goes beyond mere visits. You can at least communicate in a simple way in German (level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). This may be waived if no German courses are offered in your country of origin, if they are too expensive or if you cannot attend them for other reasons. There is no interest in deporting you and your stay does not endanger or harm the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

### Kosten

Granting of residence permit: 100.00 EUR Additional fees may apply for issuing a residence permit in the form of an electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as electronic proof of identity. In certain cases, fee reductions or exemptions may be possible (for example for those entitled to asylum or recognized refugees). Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.

### Verfahrensablauf

You make an appointment with the responsible authority. You appear in person at the agreed appointment and bring the necessary documents in original. During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked by the responsible authority. If your application is approved, your fingerprints will be taken to produce your electronic residence permit (eAT card). The responsible authority commissions the Federal Printing Office to produce the

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	eAT card. Once the eAT card has been completed, you will receive information and can collect the eAT card from the responsible office. If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice.
Bearbeitungsdauer	6 - 8 weeks
Frist	No
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	This residence permit also entitles you to pursue gainful employment. Under certain circumstances, the immigration authorities may require you to attend an integration course. This will then be noted on your residence permit.
Rechtsbehelf	contradiction
Kurztext	Apply for a residence permit for family reasons for the family reunification of a foreign spouse with a German person The spouse or life partner of a German person can, upon application, receive a residence permit for family reunification.
Ansprechpunkt	If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to  Hamburg Service
Zuständige Stelle	Hamburg services
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link is only available in german)