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Information about Family Reunion with Spouse

Note: All information is based on findings and experiences of the Embassy at the time of writing. Despite all care, no guarantee can be given for completeness and accuracy.

Kindly note that the Visa Section of the German Embassy in Budapest does not offer consultation over the phone. Address yourself via e-mail to the Embassy.

General Information

In addition to a minimum age of 18 years, the spouses of German citizens must be able to communicate in German. In the visa process, German language skills corresponding to level "A1" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe must therefore be proven.

For information on language courses offered in Hungary and the possibilities of taking the language examination "A1", please contact the following address:

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Documents to be submitted:

- 1 completely filled out visa application form
 - 1 current biometric passport photo (available at the Embassy for 2.000,- HUF)
 - Valid passport (original + 1 copy of the data card and all pages with entries, visa and stamps)
 - Hungarian Lakcím (residence) card (original + 1 copy)
 - Valid Hungarian residence permit (original + 1 copy)
 - Proof of German language skills at the level "A1" of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or higher (original + 1 copy)
 - Certificate of birth, including German certified translation if document is not German or English (original + 1 copy)
 - Marriage certificate; including German certified translation if document is not German or English (original + 1 copy)
- If the birth/marriage did **not** take place in Germany or Hungary, the certificates might need to be accompanied by a legalization or apostille; please find information on these procedures on the Web-Sites of the German Embassy of the issuing country
- Proof of health insurance with coverage for all Schengen countries, with a minimum coverage of 30.000.- EUR for accidents/deaths (original + 1 copy)

- 75,- EUR, payable in cash (HUF) or creditcard (only Visa/Mastercard) in HUF. Cash payments in EUR are not accepted
For spouses of German citizens: free of charge

Required documents from the spouse living in Germany:

- Passport / Identity card (1 copy)
- For non-EU citizens: residence permit (1 copy, both sides)
- Confirmation of registration (“Meldebestätigung”) (1 copy)
- Pay slips/proofs of income for the last 3 months (copies)
- Housing rental agreement or proof of ownership (1 copy)

The application will be forwarded to the locally responsible Aliens Authority in Germany. The Embassy has no influence on the processing time.

Once approval has been obtained, the applicant will be notified and can receive the visa (only in person) at the Embassy. The visa is valid for at least three months from the date of issue. After entering the country, the applicant must immediately contact the competent Aliens Authority in order to obtain a German residence permit with longer validity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Visa applications are accepted by appointment only. For appointments please use our [online appointment system](#) that you find on our website at www.budapest.diplo.de/termin
- Please be informed that in case of incomplete documentation your application cannot be accepted and a new appointment has to be booked.
- Kindly come to the Embassy at least 15 minutes before the beginning of your appointed time-slot and bring the already filled in application forms and all necessary documents mentioned above as original including copies. If you arrive later than 15 minutes after the beginning of your appointed time or without filled in application forms or documentation, you won't be admitted and you have to get a new appointment.

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