

## Visa for family reunion with EU citizens residing in Germany (excluding German citizens) - Ghana -

Please read the following information very carefully. The information leaflet includes checklists on the documents required for the different categories of visa application for family reunion with EU-citizens.

This information leaflet is for relatives of EU citizens residing in Germany only. It is not for relatives of German citizens.

In order to apply for a visa to join a family member for a permanent stay in Germany all applicants have to **apply in person** at the Embassy.

Appointments can **only** be booked through the Embassy's Online Appointment System. To book an appointment go to the [website of the Embassy](#) and click on the direct link.

On the day of the appointment the applicant is asked to appear in person at 7.00 a.m. For administrative reasons applications received later than 7.00 a.m. cannot be accepted. In this case the appointment will have to be re-scheduled.

**Please note that incomplete applications cannot be accepted. In this case the appointment will have to be re-scheduled.** Documents handed in prior to the appointment date cannot be accepted. All documents must be handed in by the applicant on the day of the appointment. Documents sent directly to the Embassy prior to the appointment cannot be considered.

Since Ghanaian documents may not be legalised, document verification might become necessary in due course of the application process. Further information is provided on the website of the Embassy at: [www.accra.diplo.de](http://www.accra.diplo.de)

Please refrain from calling for enquiries, instead we kindly ask you to contact the Embassy via email: [info@accr.diplo.de](mailto:info@accr.diplo.de)

You will be directed to the check list for your visa category when clicking on the category below. In addition to the standard requirements other supporting documents may be required, depending on the specific nature of your application.

- 1) **Joining a spouse. You need to apply for this visa if you want to join your spouse in Germany.**
- 2) **Family reunion for children (under 21 years of age). You need to apply for this visa if a child is supposed to join one or both parents in Germany.**
- 3) **Joining other relatives (Children older than 21 years, grandchildren, parents, grandparents)**

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1) **Joining a spouse.** You need to apply for this visa if you want to join your spouse in Germany.

- passport of the applicant (**with two copies**)
- birth certificate - **based on FIRST registration! (with two copies)**
- two visa application forms, completely filled out and signed (download the application form here: [Website of the Embassy](#))
- three passport pictures of the applicant – white background
- one passport picture of the reference person living in Germany
- copy of passport data page of reference person in Germany
- complete passport copy of reference person in Germany (**all pages, including data page**)
- recently issued (within the past two months) proof of address in Germany of reference person (“Meldebescheinigung”)
- evidence of former residence/stay in Germany (e.g. old passport, visa, Emergency Travel Certificate) (**with two copies**)
- in case of previous deportation from Germany: written proof of authorisation to re-enter Germany issued by the competent immigration office in Germany (**with two copies**)
- all WAEC-Certificates (BECE/WASSCE), weighing card, baptism certificate, if applicable (**with two copies**)
- marriage certificate, including registrar’s certificate (**with two copies**). In case of church wedding, additionally Ghana Gazette as proof of licence for the celebration of marriages.
- Ghanaian or foreign certificate(s) of divorce (**with two copies**)
- legally valid German certificate(s) of divorce (**with two copies**)
- employment contract and salary slips for the previous 6 months or employer’s confirmation of the reference person (**with two copies**)

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2) **Family reunion for children (under 21 years of age). You need to apply for this visa if a child is supposed to join one or both parents in Germany.**

- passport of the applicant (**with two copies**)
- birth certificate - **based on FIRST registration! (with two copies)**
- two visa application forms, completely filled out and signed (download the application form here: [Website of the Embassy](#)) The application forms must be signed by the person(s) who has/have custody of the child (normally the parents!). The signature of the parent in Germany has to be certified by a notary public or by a competent local authority.
- three passport pictures of the applicant – white background
- one passport picture of the reference person living in Germany
- complete passport copy of reference person in Germany (**all pages, including data page**)
- recently issued (within the past two months) proof of address in Germany of reference person (“Meldebescheinigung”)
- evidence of former residence/stay in Germany (e.g. old passport, visa, Emergency Travel Certificate) (**with two copies**)
- in case of previous deportation from Germany: written proof of authorisation to re-enter Germany issued by the competent immigration office in Germany (**with two copies**)
- all WAEC-Certificates (BECE/WASSCE), weighing card, baptism certificate, if applicable (**with two copies**)
- proof of sole custody (e.g. death certificate of other parent, custody order according to Children’s Act) (**with two copies**) (see additional information leaflet) or affidavit of the other parent giving his/her consent to the application of the child to join the parent in Germany
- employment contract and salary slips for the previous 6 months or employer’s confirmation of the reference person (**with two copies**)

Kindly note, that the caretaker and - if applicable - the parent, who is still a resident in Ghana, have to personally accompany the child on the day of the appointment with a valid ID (passport, voter card, driver’s license). The visa applicant needs to present his/her passport.

- 4) **Joining other relatives (Children older than 21 years, grandchildren, parents, grandparents)**
- passport of the applicant (**with two copies**)
  - birth certificate - **based on FIRST registration! (with two copies)**
  - two visa application forms, completely filled out and signed (download the application form here: [Website of the Embassy](#)) If the applicant is still a child younger than 18 years, the application forms must be signed by the person(s) who has/have custody of the child (normally the parents!).
  - three passport pictures of the applicant – white background
  - one passport picture of the reference person living in Germany
  - complete passport copy of reference person in Germany (**all pages, including data page**)
  - recently issued (within the past two months) proof of address in Germany of reference person (“Meldebescheinigung”)
  - evidence of former residence/stay in Germany (e.g. old passport, visa, Emergency Travel Certificate) (**with two copies**)
  - in case of previous deportation from Germany: written proof of authorisation to re-enter Germany issued by the competent immigration office in Germany (**with two copies**)
  - all WAEC-Certificates (BECE/WASSCE), weighing card, baptism certificate, if applicable (**with two copies**)
  - proof of relation to the reference person in Germany (birth certificates, marriage certificates, divorce certificates, recognition of paternity, etc.) (**with two copies**)
  - proof of maintenance payments from the reference person in Germany to the applicant during the previous 12 months (**with two copies**)
  - employment contract and salary slips for the previous 6 months or employer’s confirmation of the reference person (**with two copies**)