

The purpose of this checklist (**family reunification**) only is to check and prepare the documents for the application. Please print the list three times. Please sort all of your application documents in the order given into three complete sets (one set of originals and two sets of copies). The originals will be returned to you immediately after they have been checked by the visa department.

- This set of documents contains the first set of copies.**
- This set of documents contains the second set of copies.**
- This set of documents contains the originals.**

**These documents must be presented:**

- completed application form
- passport that is valid for at least 6 more months, has at least 2 blank pages and does not exceed a total validity period of 10 years (photocopies of all pages with entries are required);
- valid Finnish residence permit;
- Your up-to-date Finnish residence certificate (original document) : asuinpaikkatodistus obtainable at the Digi- ja väestötietovirasto (DVV);
- proof of valid health insurance / travel health insurance, for all Schengen countries, which covers the costs of any repatriation in the event of illness or death as well as the costs for emergency medical assistance and /or an emergency room in the hospital. The validity period of the visa (maximum 6 months) depends, among other things, on the validity period of the health insurance;
- Relevant civil status certificate(s) (e.g. marriage certificate, birth certificate) with a translation into the German language. Under [www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/en/](http://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/en/) you will find a translator database of the 'Landesjustizverwaltungen';
- If the civil status certificate was not issued in an EU country: legalization/ apostille;
- Passport copy of the family member in Germany (reference person);
- photocopy of the family member's German residence permit;
- registration certificate ('Meldebescheinigung') of the family member (not older than 6 months)
- Proof of basic knowledge of German, e.g. by submitting one of the following language certificates: "Start Deutsch 1" from the Goethe-Institut or telc GmbH, "Grundstufe 1" from the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD), "TestDaF" from the TestDaF-Institut eV. You can find information on exceptions from the proof of basic knowledge of German;
- Proof of sufficient financial resources, e.g. by presenting your spouse's employment contract;
- 2 recent biometric passport photos (only third set of documents)
- the visa fee (€ 75) can be paid in cash or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) (only third set of documents)