

The purpose of this checklist (**family reunification to a German citizen**) only is to check and prepare the documents for the application. Please print the list two times. Please sort all of your application documents in the order given into two complete sets (one set of originals and one set 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 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 **in English** (original document) : *Residence certificate for Finland or an EU authority* obtainable at the Digi- ja väestötietovirasto (DVV);
- Admission to statutory health insurance is only possible after entry and registration of a place of residence in Germany. Therefore, the following proof must be submitted for the visa application: Valid travel health insurance for all Schengen countries, which covers the costs of repatriation in the event of illness or death as well as the costs of emergency medical assistance and/or an emergency admission to a hospital (minimum coverage amount €30,000). Please make sure that your travel health insurance does not exclude insurance cover if a longer-term or permanent stay is planned. Only health insurance policies concluded within the EU are accepted;
- Relevant civil status certificate(s) (e.g. marriage certificate, birth certificate or acknowledgement of paternity) 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);
- 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; If you are parent of a German child no proof of basic knowledge of German is required.
- If the parents are not married, a proof of joint custody is required.
- 2 recent biometric passport photos