

Leaflet “Family Reunification for Eritrean Refugees”

This leaflet and other forms, as well as visa appointments, are free of charge.

To apply for a visa for family reunification for/with an Eritrean refugee, applicants must provide the following documents.

For all documents which are not in English or German, applicants must also provide a translation into English or German by a translator who is certified in an EU country.

Please note: You should prepare the documents for your application well in advance. For example, procuring authenticated documents can take several months. Submitting complete documentation will accelerate the application process considerably.

General documents that each applicant has to submit:

Checklist for visa application	
The following documents have to be submitted in full for each application and each applicant.	
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Two (2) application forms (category D) for each applicant, including a declaration in accordance with Section 54 of the German Residence Act (<i>AufenthG</i>), completely filled out and signed by hand	
Two (2) signed security declarations	
Two (2) recent biometric passport photos with a light background (35 mm x 45 mm)	
Valid passport and two (2) copies of the identity page	
For Eritrean citizens: Eritrean ID card and Eritrean residence card , each with two (2) copies of front and back	
Proof of habitual residence in Ethiopia in the form of: Proof of Registration (PoR) from UNHCR OR Ethiopian residence permit , valid for at least the last six months, in each case the original and two (2) copies (The Embassy is responsible for visa applications when the habitual residence of the applicant is in Ethiopia; in order to be able to leave Ethiopia after a successful visa application, applicants must have legal residence in Ethiopia.)	
Birth certificate , original and two (2) copies; Eritrean certificates must be authenticated by the Eritrean Foreign Ministry	
Two (2) copies of proof of notice/application within the deadline (if applicable)	
Two (2) copies of the passport of the sponsor in Germany	
Two (2) copies of the residence permit of the sponsor in Germany	
Two (2) copies of the decision by BAMF with regard to the status of the sponsor in Germany (all pages)	
Two (2) copies of the current registration of residence of the sponsor in Germany	
Depending on the type of marriage: Church marriage document AND authenticated marriage registration, original and two (2) copies each OR Authenticated Muslim marriage contract AND authenticated marriage registration, original and two (2) copies each OR If customary marriage: Authenticated marriage registration, original and two (2) copies OR	

<p>If civil marriage/marriage in registry office: Authenticated marriage registration, original and two (2) copies</p> <p>If marriage took place outside of Eritrea: All documents which serve as proof of a valid marriage according to the applicable local law</p> <p>If marriage took place after arrival of sponsor in Germany: Proof of German language skills at level A1</p>	
<p>If a child is applying: In cases where the parents are not married to each other or one of the parents will not travel to Germany or is deceased: Proof of legal custody of the child (e.g. authenticated court order), original and two (2) copies; if applicable, consent of the parent who is not travelling to Germany for the child to permanently stay in Germany / authenticated death certificate, in each case the original and two (2) copies</p>	
<p>If the applicant is represented by a third party, e.g. a lawyer or guardian: Power of attorney, original (only one representative per application)</p>	
<p>If applicable: Final declaration with regard to further documents</p>	
<p>Visa fees: 75 euro for adults, 37.50 euro for children, to be paid in ETB at the current exchange rate of the Embassy</p>	

Please note:

The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents.