

Stand 03/18

Family reunion with recognized Eritrean refugees

You are required to submit the following documents **in original**.
For each original document you need to submit **2 photocopies!**

Documents must be submitted with a German translation. If the documents are in English language you don't need to translate them into German language.

General documents required for every Eritrean applicant:

- 2 fully completed and duly signed application forms for a National Visa (category D) per applicant
- 1 signed declarations according to § 54 sec. 2 no. 8 in conjunction with § 53 Residence Act
- 2 recent biometric passport photos taken against a light background (35mm x 45 mm)
- Valid Eritrean passport as well as 2 copies of the data page
- Previous passports (if any) as well as 2 copies of the data pages
- Eritrean ID card plus two copies of both the front and the reverse (if available)
- Birth certificate in Original plus two copies (if available)
- Baptism certificate in Original plus two copies (if available)

For family reunification with spouses:

- If married at a registry office: Original marriage certificate plus two copies
- If married in a religious ceremony or under customary law: proof of religious/ customary marriage (original plus two copies) **AND** original registration of the marriage at the civil registry with an authentication stamp from the Eritrean Foreign Ministry in Asmara plus two copies

Documents needed from the reference person in Germany:

- timely notification according to § 29 sec. 2 Residence Act ("Fristwahrende Anzeige") plus two copies
- Passport of the family member in Germany plus two copies
- Residence permit of the family member in Germany plus two copies

- Notification of recognition from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF-Bescheid) for the family member in Germany, including incontestability notice; plus two copies
- If represented by someone else, e.g. a lawyer: power of attorney in duplicate

Documents needed for minor applicants:

- Proof of custody (e.g. death certificate in original plus two copies OR court order in the original plus two copies)
- If one parent remains in Israel/Eritrea: written consent for the visa application of the parent who remains in Israel/Eritrea, certified by a notary

The **fee** for the national visa is **75 Euro** which must be paid in Shekel.

Please note that missing documents which are not submitted within three months after personal appointment may result in rejection of your application. The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents (e.g. DNA reports, language certificates, age tests) at any time during the process.

Please note that according to the Eritrean Civil Code marriages must be registered officially at a civil registry. Otherwise the marriage didn't become valid.