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Mauritius

Evidence of basic knowledge of the German language in the event of the subsequent immigration of (future) spouses from abroad

Since the legislative reform of the immigration act of August 28th, 2007, every applicant who wants to get married in Germany or who wants to join his or her spouse in Germany, has to prove basic knowledge of the German language already during the visa application for the following reason: The immigrating (future) spouses should be able to communicate in German in a simple way and thus participate in social life from the start. This will facilitate their integration into German society and the starting point for their new life will be considerably improved.

Proof of basic knowledge of the German language must be demonstrated before entering Germany when applying for the visa for subsequent immigration of a (future) spouse at the German Embassy via the German Honorary Consul. Knowledge of the German language at Competence level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for languages is considered to be “Basic knowledge of the German language”.

Normally a certificate relating to a standardized language exam that complies with the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) provides evidence of basic knowledge of the German language.

Given that there is currently no ALTE certified provider in Mauritius, the applicants must pass their German test at the office of the German Honorary Consul.

Exceptions:

- during the application process knowledge of the German language is evident;
- the applicant is incapable of demonstrating basic knowledge of the German language due to a physical or mental illness or handicap;
- the spouse in Germany has a residence permit as a highly-skilled worker, researcher, company founder, person entitled to asylum or recognized refugee;
- the applicant's integration requirement is observably minor (for example when the applicant does not wish to reside permanently in Germany);
- the spouse in Germany is a citizen of Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of South Korea, New Zealand, the United States of America or of a member state of the European Union (excluding Germany)

Applicants are free to choose how they want to learn German. However, they are advised to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the A1 level in advance.

Further information about the new immigration act is available on the homepage of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees: www.integration-in-deutschland.de.

Visa applicants without proof of sufficient knowledge of the German language and not exempted from the submission of the language certificate based on one of the above mentioned exceptions, will be refused.

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