

# Visiting Family/Friends

### General Information:

- According to the Schengen Visa Code, the German Embassy in Namibia is responsible for processing your application if your main destination is Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Malta, Switzerland and Hungary.
- Duly completed application forms may be submitted six months prior to your intended travel date. Especially when traveling in the high season between May and September, you are strongly encouraged to apply well in advance of their actual travel dates. This will help ensuring a smooth organization of your trip.
- It may take an average of 15 days to process your Schengen visa application at the German Embassy.
- The relevant information pertaining to the application process can be found on the website of the Embassy: <u>www.windhoek.diplo.de</u>
- The German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documentation at any time during the processing of the application whenever deemed necessary.
- Documentation sent via fax or e-mail, which has not been explicitly requested, will not be allocated to an application.

### Submission of incomplete or false documentation/incorrect information

Submission of incomplete documentation or of false documentation/incorrect information will most likely result in a refusal or - in case of the latter - even a travel ban to Germany or other Schengen States.

## **Checklist for Filing Your Application**

Please read the checklist and fill out the application form thoroughly. We require that **the printed, completed and signed checklist** is submitted with the application form at your appointment. Please sort them exactly in the following order:

Mandatory documents		to be filled out by the applicant prior to the appointment	to be filled out by the German Embassy	
1	One completed visa application form	<ol> <li>Please open the online application form (<u>https://videx.diplo.de</u>).</li> <li>complete it duly and correctly</li> <li>download the completed form as a PDF-file, then</li> <li>print it and</li> <li>date and sign it.</li> </ol> The application to be provided contains 7 pages and has to be signed twice (on page 5+6)		
2	photograph	Recent passport photograph according to biometric specifications		

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3	Passport	Valid and signed passport (must have been issued within the last 10 years) which must have at least two blank pages and be valid for at least 3 months after the scheduled return		
		1 copy of the data page containing personal data		
		Copy of previous Schengen and other relevant visas within the last 3 years		
		If Non-Namibian citizen: Copy of valid residency/work permit which allows reentering Namibia upon the end of the journey	•	
		Full unabridged birth certificate (containing father's and mother's name) ( <b>original + copy</b> )		
	Additional documents for	passport of parents/legal guardian(s) (original + copy of data page)		
4	children under the age of 18	If only one guardian/parent appears in person at the time of the appointment: Guardian's/parents declaration of consent signed by the non- present guardian/parent and certified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (original + copy)	•	
		<u>If one parent/legal guardian is deceased:</u> death certificate ( <b>original + copy</b> )	•	
5	Special cases	If sole custody has been granted: decree of the competent court ( <b>original + copy</b> )	•	
6		Invitation letter with dates, names of the host(s), address and signature (not older than 3 months)		
6	Documents proving	Copy of passport of the inviting party and if applicable residence permit of the inviting party		
	purpose of travel	If invitation does not include accommodation: Proof of accommodation including complete address for your entire stay in the Schengen area	•	
		Flight reservation (round trip), rail tickets and other if applicable		
7	Proof of Willingness to return to Namibia	if employed: current letter of employment with original signaturestating monthly salary, designation, employment duration andinformation on dates of absence for the intended journeyorif self-employed: company registration document (original + copy)orif student: current proof of school/university registrationconfirming that the student is exempt from attending lecturesduring the requesting travel period, with an original signatureorif other employment situation: current proof of occupationorlf unemployed or retired: Copy of ID of Spouse and MarriageCertificate or Birth Certificate of minor childrenorlf unemployed or retired and single without minor children:-proof of financial assets or-proof of residency or-Pension certificate		

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8	Proof of financial status and sufficient funds	Personal bank statements with money movements of the past three months (in particular showing regular monthly income) with a bank account confirmation letter Sufficient funds must be available on the existing balance and <u>not overdrafts</u> . Additional accounts e.g. saving accounts can be produced to prove your ability to finance the whole trip <b>or</b> <u>Formal</u> obligation letter (= Official declaration of commitment) of your sponsor in the Schengen state concerned with proof of financial status and sufficient funds (if applicable)		
9	Overseas medical travel insurance for Schengen States	<ul> <li>Valid travel health insurance</li> <li>valid for all Schengen countries,</li> <li>covering your requested stay with</li> <li>a minimum coverage of 30,000 euros</li> <li>for medical expenses, repatriation and pre-existing conditions</li> <li>When applying for a multiple-entry visa, a one-year or multi-year visa, it suffices to present a valid travel health insurance for your first trip</li> </ul>		
10	Fee	<ul> <li>90 Euro per adult / 45 Euro per child - non-refundable</li> <li>The amount is payable <ul> <li>in cash in NAD at the current exchange rate of the Embassy and rounded up or down to 10 NAD or</li> <li>by credit card (Visa or MasterCard): <ul> <li>Credit cards without printed name and/or number cannot be accepted.</li> <li>Credit card holders must be present</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>		

Please note, that the Embassy may issue the visa with a shorter validity than applied for, without prior consultation, as long as it is legally permissible or necessary. The applicant's passport has to remain with the German Embassy and cannot be withdrawn during the processing of the application.

### For official use only

I was advised that my application, submitted on \_\_\_\_\_\_ with the intended travel date \_\_\_\_\_\_, was incomplete and/or knowingly submitted on short notice, as the processing time for a visa can take up to 15 working days. After being informed that the decision based on the beforementioned may be taken to my disadvantage, I choose one of the following options:

- o I refrain from submitting my visa application
- $\circ \quad \text{I will not submit additional documents}$
- I submit my visa application and will complete the requested documents latest on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature