

Family reunification

Joining a spouse for the purpose of family reunification

Conditions that must be fulfilled to obtain family reunification to Denmark:

- One of the spouses must be a Danish citizen or have a permanent residence permit.
- You must both be at least 24 years old.
- The marriage/cohabitation must be valid – for example, you must be able to provide a marriage certificate or prove that you have lived together for at least 1.5 years.

As a Danish citizen, you must

- have a [suitable dwelling](#) at your disposal
- be self-supporting – that is, you must not have received [cash benefits and similar benefits](#) for up to three years before the application
- present a [bank guarantee](#) for DKK 104,040 (2020 level)
- have not been convicted for a dangerous crime against previous spouses within the last 10 years.

As a foreign spouse, you must

- have visited Denmark at least once
- passed **Danish Test [danskprøve A1] at least 6 months** after you have received a residence permit. You must also pass **Danish Test [danskprøve A2] at least 9 months** after you have received a residence permit.

Remember that ALL conditions must be fulfilled.

The integration requirement

In addition, you must also fulfil the integration requirement. It consists of six requirements, of which you must be able to fulfil four of the six requirements.

Requirements for the Danish spouse:

- 1. (This requirement MUST be fulfilled)** You **MUST** have passed [Danish test 3](#) or a Danish test at a corresponding or higher level – also even if you are ethnically Danish and are a Danish citizen. The condition may be fulfilled by passing Danish primary school, upper secondary school or similar education.
- 2.** At the time of application, you must be able to document that you either have (had) full-time employment (at least 30 hours a week) or that you have had your own business in Denmark for at least five years. Student jobs or jobs abroad do not count.
- 3.** You must have been educated in Denmark for at least six years. Out of the six years, at least one year must be a consecutive full-time education at secondary school level (STX, HF, HTX, HHX, etc.) or higher. However, previous continuation boarding school stays and 10th grade are not sufficient to fulfil this requirement. University educations in passed years with ECTS points, while in other cases it is possible to use reports with grade transcripts.

Requirements for the foreign spouse:

4. You must have passed [Danish test 1 \(PD1\)](#) or English at [B1 level](#) before you can apply for family reunification.
5. You must have worked for at least 30 hours a week for at least three of the last five years to be able to apply for family reunification. Part-time employment or voluntary work do not count.
6. You must have passed at least one year of higher education or another education that corresponds to Danish vocational training. It is not a requirement that the education has been finished, only that it corresponds to one year of passed full-time education.