



FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH SPOUSE/ MARRIAGE IN GERMANY

Please read this leaflet carefully. The embassy can only process complete applications. Submitting incomplete documents drastically delays the processing time. The table below lists the documents that you need to provide. Please arrange your documents in the same order. Please pay attention to individual points, especially the number of copies required!

Important: All copies must be submitted in colour and in DIN A4 form. The copies must not be stapled, clued or tacked! The copies will be scanned.

Necessary documents		Further information	
1.	1 national VIDEX application form per applicant and 1 declaration according to § 54 AufenthG	Please fill out the visa application online, print out all pages including the last page with the barcode, sign the application and the attached declaration. You must submit for each applicant (also minor children) 1 application form. Both parents must sign the applications of minors.	
2..	For each application: - 2 passport pictures of the applicant (including children) - 2 passport pictures of the spouse/fiancé(e) living in Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 identical passport pictures - not older than 6 months - front shot - biometric, dimensions 35 x 45mm. You can find further information on the internet page of the German Ministry of Interior .	
3.	Passport + 1 colour copy of the data page and all pages which contain visas, stamps or remarks	Passports must be machine-readable and valid for at least 90 days from the moment of entry into Germany. Handwritten passports are invalid. Please make sure that your passport does not expire while your application is being processed. If the validity of your passport needs to be extended, please make sure that the extension is done while your passport is still valid. Passports with a serial number starting with "TR" are not accepted. The passport must contain the holder's signature or fingerprint.	



4.	<p>Electronic Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira in original and translation (English or German) of all applicants + 1 colour copy of the front and the back side</p> <p>and</p> <p>1 copy of the Tazkira of your spouse/fiancé in Germany (if existent)</p>	<p>Please submit the electronic Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira of all applicants. If one applicant has several Tazkiras, please submit all Tazkiras that have been issued in the past.</p>	
5.	<p>Marriage certificate (Nikah Khat or Waseeqa Khat) in original and translation (English or German) + 1 colour copy of all pages</p> <p>If one spouse was represented during the wedding ceremony by another person (marriage by proxy): an official power of attorney for the representative + 1 colour copy of all pages</p> <p>In case of previous marriage(s): divorce certificate or death certificate or declaration of a missing person of your former spouse in original and translation (English or German) + 1 colour copy of all pages</p>	<p>Preferably Nikah Khat (white or green marriage book in DIN A5 format, alternatively Waseeqa Khat (DIN A4 format, blue border).</p> <p>The marriage certificate must contain the place, the exact date of the marriage contract as well as the marriage portion.</p> <p>If the marriage certificate was issued after the birth of the children, all children must be named in the marriage certificate.</p> <p>If one spouse has travelled for the marriage ceremony to Afghanistan, Pakistan or Iran, please submit according evidence. (entry and exit stamps in the passport, visa, flight tickets, boarding pass etc.)</p>	
6.	<p>If you intend to get married in Germany: copy of the confirmation of wedding registration from the local German registry office + 1 copy</p> <p>and</p> <p>Certificate of non-marriage of the applicant in original and translation (English or German)</p>	<p>This confirmation is called „Bescheinigung über die Anmeldung der Eheschließung“ and will be issued by the local German registry office (“Standesamt”). It is a confirmation that all necessary requirements for the marriage to take place have been met, including a period or date for the wedding.</p> <p>Unmarried or Non-Marriage certificates are issued by Afghan courts</p>	



	+ 1 colour copy of all pages		
7.	Proof of A1 German language certificate in original + 1 copy	<p>The language certificate must be issued by a test centre that is certified by ALTE. (in Pakistan and Iran currently: Goethe Institut and ÖSD)</p> <p>Whether or not you might be exempt from proving basic German language skills can only be determined after the application has been submitted and verified by the Embassy.</p> <p>For further information, please check the leaflet "Merkblatt zum Erwerb einfacher deutscher Sprachkenntnisse beim Ehegattennachzug" on our website.</p>	
8.	In case of family reunification to a foreign citizen: - copy of passport - copy of residence permit (front and back side) In case of family reunification to a German citizen: - copy of passport or German ID and in all cases: Up to date residence registration certificate of the spouse/fiancé(e) living in Germany	<p>The residence registration certificate "Meldebescheinigung" should not be older than 6 months.</p>	
9.	In case your spouse or fiancé(e) has obtained asylum status, refugee status or subsidiary protection: 1 copy of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) certificate regarding the award of the protection status and if applicable: 1 copy of proof of timely notification in accordance with § 29 (2) AufenthG (Fristwahrende Anzeige)	<p>Please submit a complete copy of the certificate („Anerkennungsbescheid“). If available, please also submit the complete protocol of the official BAMF-hearing.</p> <p>You can submit a timely notification online on www.fap.diplo.de or directly at the competent German Foreigner's Authority. (Ausländerbehörde)</p>	



10.	If existing: - pictures of the Nikah with date stamp - family pictures	Please submit family pictures of different time periods, events and occasions.	
11.	Visa fee of 75,00 EUR (per adult)	To be paid only in cash in local currency. The exact amount depends on the exchange rate and will be determined on a daily basis. No visa fee will be charged for spouses and minor children of German or EU citizens. The visa fee won't be reimbursed if the visa is refused. There are no further fees to be paid, neither inside nor outside the Embassy. If you have to submit your application at an official external service provider visa application centre there will be an additional service fee. You can check the amount of this service fee on the internet page of the embassy and of the service provider.	
12.	If you have given a power of attorney to a lawyer to represent you during the visa application process: - copy of the power of attorney	Please be aware that letters and emails will only be sent to your authorized lawyer.	
13.	If applicable: additional documents	Please note that the above listed documents are minimal requirements. Additional documents may be requested in individual cases. You will be notified should any further documents be required.	

Important information:

If you submit **forged or manipulated documents**, your visa application will be refused. If you **bribe** or try to bribe staff of the German embassy, your visa application will be refused as well.

The **processing time** of a family reunification visa may take more than **3 months** even if all documents are complete since the Foreigner's Authorities in Germany also need to agree to issue the visa. **Please refrain from sending inquiries about the status of your application.** Inquiries during the processing only lead to unnecessary delays. The embassy will contact you once the application has been processed or if further information is required.