

## FAMILY REUNION VISA / MARRIAGE IN GERMANY

Please read this leaflet carefully. Submitting your documents as described can shorten the time needed to process your visa application. Do not forget necessary documents and keep in mind that translations and copies might be needed. Should any further documents be required, or if some documents are missing, you will be notified when you visit the Embassy.

As a general rule, Afghan documents need to be verified and the Foreigners Authority at your spouse's/fiancée's place of residence needs to participate in the procedure. This results in a processing time of several months. To avoid further delays, we ask you to refrain from making individual inquiries during the visa process.

The table below lists the documents that need to be provided. Please arrange your documents in the same order.

<b>Please pay attention to individual points, especially the number of copies required!</b>			
1.	<b>Passport</b> + 3 copies (all relevant pages, i.e. the passport data page and all pages which contain visas, stamps or remarks)	Passports with a serial number starting with "TR" cannot be accepted. The passport must have been issued within the last 10 years and the passport's validity must exceed the validity of the visa by at least three months. It must have at least two empty pages and contain the holder's signature. Passports must be machine-readable, handwritten passports are invalid.	
2.	<b>3 application forms per applicant (including children)</b>	Fully completed in German or English in block letters or filled out on the PC, signed or fingerprinted. Applications from minors must be signed by both parents. Application forms can be downloaded for free on the <a href="#">website of the German Embassy Kabul</a> .	
3.	<b>3 passport photos per applicant (including children) and the spouse/fiancée living in Germany</b>	3 identical passport photos, not older than 6 months, front shot, biometric. Dimensions 35 x 45mm. Further information can be found on the <a href="#">sample photos information sheet</a> of the Federal Printing Office.	
4.	<b>Tazkira; original and translation (English or German)</b> + 3 copies of the front and the back side	Identification document „Tazkira“ of all applicants. The last name and date of birth in the passport must correspond exactly to the names in the Tazkira, otherwise Tazkira or passport need to be corrected. If the person you wish to reunite to is an Afghan national, please submit a copy of his/her Tazkira as well.	



5.	<p><b>Marriage certificate (Nikah Khat or Waseeqa Khat); original and translation (English or German)</b> + 3 copies of all pages</p> <p><b>In case of previous marriage(s): divorce certificate or death certificate or declaration of a missing person of your former spouse; original and translation (English or German)</b> + 3 copies</p>	<p>Preferably Nikah Khat (white or green marriage book in DIN A5 format, alternatively Waseeqa Khat (DIN A4 format, blue border). The marriage certificate must contain the place, the exact date of the marriage contract as well as the marriage portion.</p> <p>If one spouse was represented during the wedding ceremony by another person, an official power of attorney for the representative as well as the acceptance letter must be provided (+ 3 copies).</p>	
6.	<p><b>If you intend to get married in Germany: copy of the confirmation of wedding registration from the local German registry office</b> + 3 copies</p> <p>as well as</p> <p><b>Certificate of non-marriage of the applicant; original and translation (English or German)</b> + 3 copies</p>	<p>This confirmation is called „Bescheinigung über die Anmeldung der Eheschließung“ and will be issued by the local German registry office. It is a confirmation that all necessary requirements for the marriage to take place have been met, including a time frame or date for the wedding.</p> <p>Unmarried or Non-Marriage certificates are issued by Afghan courts.</p>	
7.	<p><b>If applicable: proof of A1 German language certificate; original</b> + 3 copies</p>	<p>Whether you might be exempt from proving basic German language skills due to family reunion to a recognized refugee or a German child can only be determined after the application has been submitted and verified by the Embassy.</p> <p>Basic language skills can be proven by an official certificate issued by the Goethe-Institute. Please check the leaflet „Merkblatt zum Erwerb einfacher deutscher Sprachkenntnisse beim Ehegattennachzug“ <a href="#">on our website</a> for further information on how to obtain this certificate.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Copy of passport or ID card, residence permit and current residence registration certificate of the spouse/fiancée living in Germany</b> + 3 copies</p>	<p>When joining German citizens: submit a copy of the passport or ID card. When joining a foreign national, please submit a copy of the passport, his or her German residence permit and a current (not more than 6 months old) residence registration certificate „Meldebescheinigung“.</p>	



9.	<p><b>If applicable: copy of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) certificate regarding the award of refugee status or asylum as well as proof of timely notification in accordance with section 29 (2) no. 1 of the Residence Act</b> + 2 copies</p>	<p>Please submit a complete copy of the certificate („Anerkennungsbescheid“). If a timely notification in accordance with section 29 (2) point 2 of the Residence Act has already submitted to the Embassy or to the Foreigners Authority, please submit a proof together with your application.</p> <p>You can complete the timely notification online on <a href="http://www.fap.diplo.de">www.fap.diplo.de</a>.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Visa fee of 75,00 EUR (per adult) or 37,50 EUR (per child)</b></p>	<p>To be paid in cash in local currency (PRK or INR) only. 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 cannot be reimbursed if the visa is refused. There are no further fees (except for telephone and fax costs, if applicable) to be paid neither inside nor outside of the Embassy.</p>	
11.	<p><b>One supporting questionnaire per family to verify the authenticity of Afghan documents; original</b> + 2 copies</p> <p>as well as</p> <p><b>Expenses for the verification, payable in PKR or INR</b></p>	<p>The questionnaire must be completed in block letters or on the PC, in English only, signed or fingerprinted. One questionnaire per family, not per applicant. The questionnaire can be downloaded for free on the <a href="#">website of the German Embassy Kabul</a>.</p> <p>When submitting your application in Islamabad, the expenses are 90,000 PAK in cash in local currency only. When submitting your application in New Delhi, the equivalent of 330 Euro is payable in local currency in cash only. The exact amount depends on the exchange rate and will be determined on a daily basis. These expenses will only be charged once per family.</p>	
12.	<p><b>If applicable: additional documents</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	

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I have been advised that the documents ticked in the right-hand column were missing from my application and that these need to be submitted to the Embassy. Under Section 82 (1) of the Residence Act, my visa application can be refused if I do not submit the missing documents to the Embassy within three months of the date of application. An extension to this period may be granted on request.

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