

FAMILY REUNION OF CHILDREN TO PARENTS 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 parent'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.

Please pay attention to individual points, especially the number of copies required!			
1.	Passport + 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.	3 application forms per child	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 website of the German Embassy Kabul .	
3.	3 passport photos per child and the parent living in Germany	3 identical passport photos, not older than 6 months, front shot, biometric. Dimensions 35 x 45mm. Further information can be found on the sample photos information sheet of the Federal Printing Office.	
4.	Tazkira; original and translation (English or German) + 3 copies of the front and the back side	Identification document „Tazkira“ of <u>all applicants and their parents</u> . 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.	



5.	Marriage certificate (Nikah Khat or Waseeqa Khat); original and translation (English or German) + 3 copies of all pages 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) + 3 copies	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. 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).	
6.	If one parent remains in Afghanistan and does not wish to move to Germany: judicial confirmation by the court that he/she gives consent for the child(ren) to live in Germany with the other parent; original and translation (English or German) + 3 copies	The remaining parent must declare his/her consent before the court. If the other parent is dead or missing or refuses to give his/her consent, submit either an official death certificate including a list of all heirs, a declaration of a missing person or an official court order regarding custody rights.	
7.	Children over 16: if applicable, proof of C1 German language certificate; original + 3 copies	Children of foreigners who are older than 16 and who do not move together with the parent that has sole custody must submit a proof of C1 German language skills. Whether a child might be exempt from proving German language skills due to family reunion to a recognized refugee or a Blue Card EU holder can only be determined after the application has been submitted and verified by the Embassy. C1 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" on our website for further information on how to obtain this certificate.	
8.	Copy of passport or ID card, residence permit and current residence registration certificate of the parent living in Germany + 3 copies	When joining a German parent: submit a copy of his/her German passport or ID card. If the parent is 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".	



9.	<p>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 + 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 www.fap.diplo.de.</p>	
10.	<p>Visa fee of 37,50 EUR (per child)</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 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>One supporting questionnaire per family to verify the authenticity of Afghan documents; original + 2 copies</p> <p>as well as</p> <p>Expenses for the verification, payable in PKR or INR</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 website of the German Embassy Kabul.</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>If applicable: additional documents</p>	<p>Please note that the above listed documents are minimal requirements. Additional documents (i.e. DNA-test or age determination) 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.

Islamabad/New Delhi _____

Signature: _____