



FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

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/fiancée 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. <p>You can find further information on the internet page of the German Ministry of Interior.</p>	
3.	Passport + 1 colour copy of the data page and all pages which contain visas, stamps or remarks	<p>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.</p> <p>If the validity of your passport needs to be extended, please make sure that the extension is done while your passport is still valid.</p> <p>Passports with a serial number starting with "TR" are not accepted. The passport must contain the holder's signature or fingerprint.</p>	



4.	<p>For each applicant: electronic Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira in original and translation (English or German) + 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.</p> <p>If one applicant has several Tazkiras, please submit all Tazkiras that have been issued in the past.</p>	
5.	<p>Documents proving family relation with the relative(s) living in Germany 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) of the applicant or the reference person living in Germany: 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>Please submit all official documents that prove your family relation with your relative living in Germany. (e.g. by corresponding e-Tazkira, marriage certificates etc.) There must be no doubts about the family relation.</p> <p>If adult children apply for family reunification with their parents, a Waseeqa Khat (DIN A4 format, blue border) of the parents listing all children born during the marriage must be submitted.</p> <p>If the applicant is married, a Waseeqa Khat (DIN A4 format, blue border) listing all children born during the marriage must be submitted.</p> <p>The marriage certificate must contain the place, the exact date of the marriage contract as well as the marriage portion.</p> <p>In case of family reunification of minor children with family members other than the parents, the death or disappearance of the parents must be proven. (e.g. death certificate, court ruling etc.)</p>	



6.	<p>Accompanying letter with detailed and up-to-date documentation showing the reasons for the need to reunite in original and translation (English or German) + 1 colour copy</p>	<p>Please state the need for reunion as precisely as possible and include supporting documents such as medical certificates, certificates from care facilities, social services etc.</p> <p>It must be evident that either the applicant or the reference person in Germany need assistance by their family member and that this assistance can only be provided in Germany.</p> <p>It is important to explain your individual situation. Unfavourable educational, economic, social and other conditions in Afghanistan do not justify a case of hardship.</p>	
7.	<p><i>In case of family reunification to a foreign citizen:</i> - copy of passport - copy of residence permit (front and back side)</p> <p><i>In case of family reunification to a German citizen:</i> - copy of passport or German ID</p> <p>and in all cases:</p> <p>Up to date residence registration certificate of the spouse/fiancée living in Germany</p>	<p>The residence registration certificate “Meldebescheinigung” should not be older more than 6 months.</p>	
9..	<p>Visa fee of 75,00 EUR (per adult)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	



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10..	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.	
11..	If necessary: 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.