



FAMILY REUNIFICATION OF MINOR CHILDREN WITH PARENTS IN GERMANY

Please read this leaflet carefully. The embassy can only process **complete applications**. Submitting incomplete documents drastically delays the processing time.

You can only apply for a visa for family reunification to/with parents as long as the child is still **below 18 years** old and unmarried. At least one parent either has to live in Germany or has to apply together with the child for family reunification.

You have to submit the visa application at the embassy (Islamabad or Teheran) before your child turns 18 years old. It is not possible to file the visa application at the Foreigner's Authority in Germany ("Ausländerbehörde"). A registration on the appointment list of the embassy or a timely notification according to § 29 AufenthG ("fristwahrende Anzeige") are not considered applications.

If your minor child soon turns 18 years old and has not yet received a visa appointment, please lodge an informal visa application by email addressed to the embassy. The informal application must contain the personal data of your child and the personal data of the parents. The informal visa application needs to be attached to the email.

Email Islamabad: fp-visainfoafg@isla.auswaertiges-amt.de

Email Teheran: visainfo@tehe.auswaertiges-amt.de

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!

The parents or a legal guardian must accompany the minor child at the visa appointment.

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 | |
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| 1. | <p>For each child 1 national VIDEX application form and 1 declaration according to § 54 AufenthG</p> <p>If applicable: Evidence that you filed an informal application before the child turned 18 years old including a print out of the email you sent to the embassy.</p> | <p>Please fill out the visa application online, print out all pages, including the last page with the barcode and the according to § 54 AufenthG. You must submit for each child 1 application form. Both parents must sign the applications of minors.</p> <p>In case one parent has died: Please submit the original death certificate with 1 copy and translation.</p> | |



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| 2.. | For each application: - 2 passport pictures of the child (including children) - 2 passport pictures of the parent 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 | 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. | For each child: Electronic Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira in original and translation (English or German) + 1 colour copy of the front and the back side and 1 copy of the Tazkira of parent living in Germany (if existent) | 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. | |
| 5. | Marriage certificate (Nikah Khat or Waseeqa Khat) of the parents in original and translation (English or German) + 1 colour copy of all pages If one parent was represented during the wedding ceremony by another person (marriage by proxy: an official power of attorney for the | 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 the marriage certificate was issued after the birth of the children, all children must be | |



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| | <p>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>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 one parent remains in Afghanistan and does not wish to move to Germany: Declaration by the remaining parent that he/she gives consent for the child(ren) to live in Germany with the other parent.</p> <p>In case one parent has died or is declared missing: Please submit the original death certificate with 1 colour copy and translation OR an official declaration of lost issued by court in original with 1 colour copy</p> <p>In case one parent refuses to give their consent or has no custody of the child: Evidence issued by court that the other parent has sole custody in original with 1 colour copy</p> | <p>The declaration of consent needs to be signed in person by the remaining parent in the visa department of the German Embassy.</p> <p>If a personal interview of the remaining parent in the visa department is not possible, you need to submit an official declaration of consent issued by court in original with 1 colour copy.</p> <p>The death certificate must enlist all heirs of the deceased parent.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>If applicable: Further documents with regards to the custody of the child</p> | <p>Court rulings, official court declarations about the legal guardianship etc.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Children over 16 years old: if applicable, proof of C1 German language certificate in original + 1 copy</p> | <p>Children of foreigners who are older than 16 years old and who do not relocate together with the parent that has sole custody must submit a proof of C1 German language skills.</p> <p>Whether a child might be exempt from</p> | |



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| | | <p>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.</p> <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) For further information, please check the leaflet "Merkblatt zum Erwerb einfacher deutscher Sprachkenntnisse beim Ehegattennachzug" on our website.</p> | |
| 9.. | <p>In case of family reunification to a foreign parent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- copy of passport- copy of residence permit (front and back side) <p>In case of family reunification to a German parent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- copy of passport or German ID <p>and in all cases:</p> <p>Up to date residence registration certificate of the parent living in Germany</p> | <p>The residence registration certificate "Meldebescheinigung" should not be older than 6 months.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>In case the parent in Germany has obtained asylum status, refugee status or subsidiary protection:</p> <p>1 copy of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) certificate regarding the award of the protection status</p> <p>and if applicable:</p> <p>1 copy of proof of timely notification in accordance with § 29 (2) AufenthG (Fristwahrende Anzeige)</p> | <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> | |



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| 11. | Visa fee of 37,50 EUR per child | <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 embassy and of the service provider.</p> | |
| 12. | <p>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</p> | <p>Please be aware that letters and emails will only be sent to your authorized lawyer.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>If applicable: additional documents</p> | <p>Please note that the above listed documents are minimal requirements. Additional documents may be requested in individual cases (e.g. evidence of family relation). You will be notified should any further documents be required.</p> | |

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.