



## FAMILY REUNION TO AN UNACCOMPANIED MINOR REFUGEE LIVING IN GERMANY

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

**Only parents** are entitled to apply for family reunification with minor unaccompanied refugees in Germany. **Minor siblings** of the refugee need to apply for family reunification with their parents. Please prepare the documents of the minor siblings according to our information sheet "Family reunification of minor children with parents".

You have to submit the visa application at the competent embassy in Islamabad or Teheran. 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 and/or a timely notification according to § 29 AufenthG ("fristwahrende Anzeige") are not considered applications.

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!

**If your unaccompanied child is recognized as a refugee, please read the following information carefully:**

If your **child has reached the** age of 18 years during the asylum procedure, then you need to apply for family reunification **within 3 months** counting from the date your child obtained the official refugee recognition certificate ("Anerkennungsbescheid") from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF).

If your minor child has officially obtained the refugee status and will reach the age of 18 in less than 9 months OR if your child has already turned 18 years old and in both cases you have not yet received a visa appointment, then:

- send an email to the embassy and ask for a special appointment referring to your appointment ID **AND**
- 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. You need to attach the informal visa application to the email.
- Email Islamabad: fp-visainfoafg@isla.auswaertiges-amt.de  
Email Teheran: visainfo@tehe.auswaertiges-amt.de



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**If your child has obtained the subsidiary protection (“subsidiärer Schutzstatus”), please read the following information carefully:**

You need to submit your visa application at the embassy before your child turns 18 years old and you must enter Germany before that date. As soon as your child turns 18 years old, a family reunification is no longer possible.

If your minor child has obtained the subsidiary protection status and will reach the age of 18 in less than 9 months then:

- send an email to the embassy and ask for a special appointment referring to your appointment ID

**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.                  | <b>1 national VIDEX application form</b> 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:<br>- <b>2 passport pictures</b> of the applicant (including children)<br>- <b>2 passport pictures</b> of the spouse/fiancée living in Germany | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 identical passport pictures</li> <li>- not older than 6 months</li> <li>- front shot</li> <li>- biometric, dimensions 35 x 45mm.</li> </ul> You can find further information on the <a href="#">internet page of the German Ministry of Interior</a> .   |  |
| 3.                  | <b>Passport</b><br>+ 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.<br><br>If the validity of your passport needs to be extended, please make sure that the extension is done while your passport is still valid.<br><br>Passports with a serial number starting with “TR” are not accepted. The passport must |  |



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|    |  | contain the holder's signature or fingerprint.   |  |
| 4. | <p><b>Electronic Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira</b> in original and translation (English or German) of all applicants<br/>+ 1 colour copy of the front and the back side</p> <p>and</p> <p>1 copy of the Tazkira of your child in Germany (if existent)</p>  | <p>Please submit the electronic Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira of all applicants.<br/>If one applicant has several Tazkiras, please submit all Tazkiras that have been issued in the past.</p>   |  |
| 5. | <p><b>Marriage certificate (Nikah Khat or Waseeqa Khat)</b> in original and translation (English or German)<br/>+ 1 colour copy of all pages</p> <p><b>If one spouse was represented during the wedding ceremony by another person (marriage by proxy):</b><br/>an <b>official power of attorney</b> for the representative<br/>+ 1 colour copy of all pages</p> <p><b>In case of previous marriage(s):</b><br/><b>divorce certificate</b> or <b>death certificate</b> or declaration of a missing person of your former spouse in original and translation (English or German)<br/>+ 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><b>1 copy of passport</b><br/><b>1 copy of residence permit (front and back side)</b><br/><b>1 copy of residence registration certificate of the child living in Germany</b></p>  | <p>The residence registration certificate "<b>Meldebescheinigung</b>" should not be older more than 6 months.</p>  |  |
| 7. | <p>1 copy of the <b>Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) certificate</b> regarding the award of the protection status</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>   |  |



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| 8.. | <b>Visa fee of 75 EUR per applicant</b>  | <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> |  |
| 9.. | <p>If you have given a power of attorney to a <b>lawyer</b> to represent you during the visa application process:<br/><b>- copy of the power of attorney</b></p> | <p>Please be aware that letters and emails will only be sent to your authorized lawyer.</p>  |  |
| 10. | <p>If applicable:<br/><b>additional documents</b></p>  | <p>Please note that the above listed documents are minimal requirements. Additional documents may be requested in individual cases. (e.g. evidence of descentance) 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.