



## LEAFLET

### FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

Please read this leaflet carefully. The embassy can only process your application when it is **complete** and all below-mentioned documents were submitted. **The processing time depends on the completeness of the documents. Should you have appointed a lawyer in Germany for the visa procedure, please indicate this legal representation when submitting your application.**

**IMPORTANT:** The application must be submitted **to the competent embassy** (Islamabad or Tehran).

The **Embassy in Tehran** is **only** competent to process your application if you can prove that you have been **habitually resident in Iran for at least six months**.

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 Section 29 AufenthG ("fristwahrende Anzeige") are **not considered applications**.

All applicants must appear in person. Minor children must be accompanied by a parent or official guardian at the appointment.

Please note that in accordance with the legislative interpretation of Sections 27 et seqq. AufenthG, family reunification of other family members is generally not possible and **only possible in exceptional cases of hardship**. These exceptional cases of hardship must always be family-related. **A general humanitarian or financial hardship is generally not sufficient** for a visa to be issued. If your individual situation does not differ significantly from the general situation of people in Afghanistan, your visa application **will most likely be rejected**.

Please arrange your documents in the order as indicated in the table below. Document translations are accepted in German or English.

**IMPORTANT:** All copies must be submitted **in colour** and in **DIN A4** form. The copies must **not be stapled, glued or tacked**. The copies will be scanned.

Necessary documents		Further information	
1.	<b>1 national VIDEX application form</b> with declaration according to Section 54 AufenthG per applicant	Please fill out the visa application online. Afterwards, print out all pages including the last page with the barcode, and sign the application as well as the attached	



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		<p>declaration. You must submit one application form for each applicant, this also applies to children.</p> <p>Both parents must sign the application form of minors.</p>	
2.	<p><b>For each application form: 2 recent passport pictures of the applicant</b></p> <p><b>2 recent passport pictures of the family member to whom the reunification is to take place</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2 identical passport pictures each</li><li>- not older than 6 months</li><li>- front shot</li><li>- biometric</li><li>- dimensions 35 x 45mm.</li></ul> <p>You can find further information on the <a href="#">internet page of the German Ministry of Interior.</a></p>	
3.	<p><b>Passport</b> + 1 copy of the data page and all pages that contain visas, stamps, or remarks</p>	<p>The passport must be machine-readable and valid for at least 90 days from the moment of entry into Germany. Make sure that your passport does not expire during the visa application process. If the validity of your passport needs to be extended, please make sure that the extension is done <b>before</b> the passport's expiration date.</p> <p>The passport must contain the holder's signature or fingerprint.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Original e-Tazkira and/or paper Tazkira + translation of all applicants</b> + 1 copy of the front and the back side</p> <p>and</p> <p><b>1 copy of the Tazkira of the family member to whom the reunification is to take place in Germany + translation, if existing</b></p>	<p>Please submit the "e-Tazkira" (plastic card) and/or paper Tazkira of all applicants.</p> <p>If a passport was issued based on a previous Tazkira please also submit the previous Tazkira.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Documents proving a family relation to the family member to whom the reunification is to take place, original + translation</b> + 1 copy</p>	<p>Please submit all official documents that prove your family relation to the family member to whom the reunification is to take place (e. g. corresponding e-Tazkira, marriage certificates etc.). There must be no doubts about the family relation.</p> <p>If adult children apply for family reunification</p>	



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		<p>with their parents, the parents' marriage certificate should be submitted. The marriage certificate must contain the place, the exact date of the marriage contract ("Nikkah") as well as the marriage portion. The marriage certificate should provide information about all children born before the certificate was issued.</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><b>Accompanying letter with detailed and up-to-date documentation showing the reasons for the need to reunite + translation</b> + 1 copy</p>	<p>Provide suitable documents and a detailed cover letter to explain why you are experiencing exceptional hardship, i. e. why it is absolutely necessary for you to join your family member in Germany.</p> <p>If the applicant is ill or in need of nursing care, for example, please provide relevant and up-to-date medical certificates.</p> <p>If the family member in Germany is dependent on the applicant's care, for example, please submit meaningful medical reports on the family member.</p> <p>It is important to explain the individual case in detail.</p>	
7.	<p><b>In case of family reunification to a foreign citizen: copy of passport <u>and</u> copy of recent valid residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel") (front and back side) of the family member</b></p> <p><b>In case of family reunification to a German citizen: - copy of passport or German ID of the family member</b></p> <p>and in all cases:</p>		



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	<b>Copy of the family member's residence registration certificate</b>	The residence registration certificate ("Meldebescheinigung") must not be older than 6 months from the date of application (submission of the application documents to the embassy).	
8.	<b>Visa fee of 75.00 EUR (per adult applicant)</b>	<p>To be paid only in cash in Pakistani rupee. The daily exchange rate of the embassy will be used for the currency conversion.</p> <p>No visa fee will be charged for spouses and minor single children of German or EU citizens as well as parents of German minors. Family members of persons entitled to freedom of movement are also exempt from the visa fee.</p> <p>The visa fee won't be reimbursed if the visa is rejected. There are no further fees to be paid, besides the visa fee.</p> <p>If you submit your application at an official external service provider ("visa application centre") there will be an additional service fee.</p> <p>You can check the amount of this service fee on the internet page of the embassy and of the service provider.</p>	
9.	<b>If applicable: copy of the power of attorney for the lawyer in Germany</b>	Please be aware that letters and emails will only be sent to your authorized lawyer.	
10.	<b>If applicable: additional documents</b>	Please note that the above listed documents are minimal requirements. Additional documents may be requested in individual cases (e. g. age determination tests or DNA tests). The embassy will notify you should any further documents be required.	

***Important information:***

**If you submit forged or manipulated documents, your visa application will be rejected. Bribing or trying to bribe staff of the German embassy is a criminal offence and will lead to a rejection of your visa application.**



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The embassy has to involve the competent Foreigner's Authority in Germany in the visa procedure. The processing time is usually several months. In the meantime, please refrain from making inquiries so as not to delay the process any further.