

Information for Visa Applicants for Family Reunion

Foreigners who intend to join a family member residing in Germany may receive an entry visa valid up to 90 days that can be transferred into a residence permit by German Immigration Authorities after taking residence with the family member.

An application may only be filed at the German Embassy Dhaka under the provision that the applicant has a permanent residence in the area of jurisdiction of this Embassy.

Processing Time

The minimum time to process the application for a visa for family reunion takes approx. 4 months, since your application has to be forwarded to the competent immigration authorities in Germany for final approval.

Please be aware that in most cases document verification is requested. The process of verification takes between eight and ten weeks. The amount of the verification fee to be paid in advance please refer to the separate information sheet “visa fees”.

Application

Please note that visa applicants for a Family Reunion Visa have to take an online appointment prior to submitting their application under:

https://service2.diplo.de/rktermin/extern/choose_realmList.do?locationCode=dhak&request_locale=en

Admission to the Visa Section of the German Embassy will only be granted at the time of the scheduled appointment. Being late for more than 30 minutes will consequently result in scheduling a new appointment.

The visa application must be supported by all the necessary documents as only applications with complete documentation can be accepted.

Fees

Please refer to the separate information sheet “visa fees” at the website of the German Embassy. The complete fee has to be paid upon application and will not be refunded in case the visa application is rejected.

Checklist

Please prepare two identical sets of applications with the below-mentioned documents as well as one additional copy of each marriage and birth certificate and bring your original documents along.

Please prepare the following documentation for your visa:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Valid passport (with a validity of at least 12 months) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 recent biometrical passport photographs (not older than six months) |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Visa application forms (please make sure that both forms are filled out and signed mentioning especially the address of your future residence in Germany (question 15) as well as your complete home address which includes telephone number and e-mail address in Bangladesh) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Signed Declaration on True and Complete Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Birth certificate of the applicant and, if applicable, accompanying children on Govt. Form 3-A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Photocopy of all pages (even empty ones) of the applicant's relative's passport which was valid during the date of marriage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Registration certificate of the applicant's relative living in Germany ("Meldebescheinigung") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marriage certificate (for all confessions) / Nikah Nama (for Muslims) in Bengali and English with address of the Kazi office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certificate of German proficiency on an A1 Level according to the CEFR (for applicants exempted from this requirement please refer to separate information sheet on the website. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lease agreement for the future mutual accommodation in Germany (if the applicant's relative is not a German citizen) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Evidence of income for the last three months or sufficient balance on the bank account in Germany to cover a year of livelihood needs for the entire family (if the applicant's relative is not a German citizen) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sketch map to applicant's and relative's / spouse's family permanent address and present address with photos of the house/building as well as photos of the applicant and the relative (wedding pictures etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sketch map to the Kazi Office where the marriage is registered |

Furthermore to be submitted if applicable:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Affidavit before a notary public regarding a change of name |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marriage and divorce documentation of earlier marriages (or death certificates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | For Muslims divorced in Bangladesh: Divorce notice and receipt confirmation of the local council and extract from the Marriage and Divorce register |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of legal custody for children from an earlier marriage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If one parent applies with his/her children: Power of attorney of the other parent for the visa application. |

Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents or an additional interview.

Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

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Missing documents may be handed in after the application has been filed with the Embassy. They are to be sent by post or handed in in person at the Embassy's gate. The five-digit file number of the application must be indicated on the envelope.

All photocopies must be fully legible and will be refused in case they are not.

It is expected that an applicant is reachable through the cell phone number and email address provided on the application form.

Failure to produce any of the documents above or further documents required within a set period of time is likely to lead to refusal of the application. Deadlines set may be extended after consultation with the officer in charge.

For further information please refer to www.dhaka.diplo.de

The regulations have been issued by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and are subject to change without prior notice.

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