

## Information for Visa applicants for family reunion

All Bangladeshi nationals who intend to join a family member residing in Germany may receive an entry visa 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.

### Application

Please note that the “old waiting list” is closed effective immediately. New registrations including the applications have to be done via the [Consular Services Portal](#). Please note as well that all registrations from the “old waiting list” will be duly processed before processing of the new applications in the Consular Services Portal starts.

### **Expedited appointments cannot be granted.**

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 15 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.

Simultaneous applications for a Schengen visa and a National visa cannot be processed.

### Fees

Visa fees are payable in BDT. The fees are fixed in Euro (please refer to the separate information sheet – therefore the equivalent in Bangladeshi currency may vary according to the exchange rate. The complete fee has to be paid upon application and will not be refunded in case the visa application is rejected.

The document verification fee is 35.000 BDT. Whether a verification is necessary is normally decided during the interview but in some cases, we will ask for a document verification during the on-going procedure.

The complete fee has to be paid upon application and cannot be refunded in case the visa application is rejected.

### Processing Time

The minimum time to process the application for a visa for family reunion takes approx. 8 months, since your application has to be forwarded to the competent immigration authorities in Germany for final approval.

Please be aware that in some cases document verification is requested. The process of verification takes between 10 - 12 weeks.



## Checklist

Before submitting your application, please prepare the documents in the following order:

- Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years; passports with observations on the front data page cannot be accepted) with at least two empty pages
- 1 passport photo complying with biometric specifications, not older than 6 months
- [Application form](#) & [declaration](#) duly signed
- Copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy)
- Birth certificate (of all the applicants) (current version with QR-Code)
- Marriage Documents (original and 1 set of copies):
  - **Muslim Marriages:** Nika Nama in Bangla and English
  - **Hindu Marriages:** Marriage Certificate + certificate of the Temple
  - **Christian Marriages:** Certificate of the Priest / Church + Marriage Certificate
  - **Buddhist Marriages:** Certificate of the Monk + Affidavit about the solemnization
  - **Marriages according to the Special Marriages Act:** Marriage Certificate from The Special Registrar
  - If applicable (original and 1 set of copies):
    - Marriage documents for previous marriages
    - Death Certificate of late spouses
    - Divorce documents:
      - Muslim Marriages: Divorce Certificate, Divorce Notice and Confirmation of the receipt of the divorce notice with the responsible authority
      - Christian Marriages: Divorce Certificate
      - Marriages according to the Special Marriages Act: Divorce Certificate
- Original and 1 set of photocopies
- Certificate of German proficiency on an A1 Level **and** for the accompanying minor child/children age of 16 - 18 on a C1 level according to the CEFR (for applicants exempted from this requirement, please refer to the separate information sheet on the website).
- Registration certificate of your spouse living in Germany ("Meldebescheinigung")
- Copy of your spouse's valid German Residence permit
- Copy of data page of your spouses present valid passport (A4 size copy)
- Photocopy of all pages (even empty ones) of your relative's passport which was valid during the date of marriage
- Individual **Sketch maps**<sup>1</sup> for the following addresses:
  - Sketch map of your present address
  - Sketch map of your permanent address

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<sup>1</sup> How to draw the **sketch maps**: On the top of the paper, please write e.g. 'Present Address of Applicant'. Please mention your complete address. Additionally, please describe how to reach your home address from Dhaka (either in Bangla or English). Finally, please draw a road map and provide information on the means of transportation to reach your home (e.g. by bus, car, CNG)



- Sketch map of your spouse's address in Bangladesh
- Sketch map of the Kazi Office (include his mobile number) where the marriage is registered
  
- The above addresses in the following format:
  - House Name/ No.:
  - Village Name / Road Name/No.:
  - Ward:
  - P.O.:
  - P.S.:
  - District and Post Code
  
- Photos of your house and roads in order to find the location of your house/ of you and your spouse as well as pictures from your wedding
- Please provide as well contact data (e.g. mobile number, name, full address) from a person that lives nearby your (old) residence/ within the apartment block. It should not be a relative, if possible.
- If possible, please provide as well the contact data (e.g. mobile number, name, full address) from a socially well-known person that lives within the area.

Furthermore, to be submitted (if applicable):

- Affidavit before a notary public regarding a change of name
- Marriage and divorce documentation of earlier marriages (or death certificates)
- For Muslims divorced in Bangladesh: Divorce notice and receipt confirmation of the local council and extract from the Marriage and Divorce register
- Proof of legal custody for children from any previous marriage
- Visa fee and verification fee

**Applications for minor children:** In case the other parent is not able to appear in person at the Embassy in order to sign the application of his minor child, a Power of Attorney from him will be necessary. The Power of Attorney has to be notarised by a Public Notary or any competent Authority in Germany.

Travel health insurance valid on arrival in Germany has to be submitted shortly before the visa will be granted. You will be informed via mail accordingly.

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

**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.**



Embassy  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Dhaka

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.**

All documents in Bengali (or other language) have to be supported by an English or German translation.

Please do not submit documents in both English and German. Preferable submit the German version of the document.

Please note that the German Missions reserve the right to ask for additional documents or the verification of certificates, for which additional fees would be charged.

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

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