



**LEAFLET**

**FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH SPOUSE/MARRIAGE IN GERMANY**

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**.

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 declaration. You must submit one application form for each applicant.	
2.	<b>For each application form:</b> <b>2 recent passport pictures of the applicant</b>  <b>2 passport pictures of the spouse/fiancé(e) living in Germany</b>	<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> You can find further information on the <a href="#">internet page of the German Ministry of Interior</a> .	



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. 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  and  <b>1 copy of the Tazkira of your spouse/fiancé(e) in Germany + translation, if existing</b></p>	<p>Please submit the "e-Tazkira" (plastic card) and/or paper Tazkira of all applicants.  If a passport was issued based on a previous Tazkira please also submit the previous Tazkira.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Original Marriage certificate (Nikah Khat or Waseeqa Khat) + translation</b> + 1 copy of all pages  If one spouse was represented by another person during the wedding ceremony (<b>proxy marriage</b>): Original power of attorney for the representative + translation + 1 copy  <b>In case of previous marriage(s): Original divorce certificate or death certificate or declaration of a missing person of the former spouse + translation</b> + 1 copy</p>	<p>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 ("Nikkah") as well as the marriage portion.  The marriage certificate should provide information about all children born before the certificate was issued.  If one spouse travelled from Germany for the marriage and issuance of the marriage certificate, please submit corresponding proof (entry and exit stamps in the passport, visas, flight tickets, boarding passes etc.).</p>	
6.	<p><b>If you intend to get married in Germany: Copy of the confirmation of</b></p>	<p>This confirmation is called "Bescheinigung über die Anmeldung der Eheschließung" and is issued by the local German registry office</p>	



	<p><b>wedding registration from the local German registry office</b> + 1 copy</p> <p>and</p> <p><b>Original certificate of non-marriage of the applicant + translation</b> + 1 copy</p> <p>or</p> <p>Exemption from the certificate of no impediment to marriage pursuant to Section 1309 (2) BGB (German civil code) + 1 copy</p> <p>and in each instance</p> <p>declaration of commitment (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) from the fiancé(e) in Germany to the applicant + 1 copy</p>	<p>(“Standesamt”).</p> <p>Unmarried or Non-Marriage certificates are issued by Afghan courts.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Copy of recent German language certificate (level A1 or higher)</b></p>	<p>The language certificate must be issued by a test centre that is certified by ALTE (in Pakistan and Iran: Goethe Institut and ÖSD). The certificate must not be older than one year from the date of application (submission of the application documents to the embassy).</p> <p>Whether you might be exempt from having to prove basic German language skills can only be determined after the application was submitted to the embassy.</p> <p>For further information, please check the leaflet “Erwerb einfacher deutscher Sprachkenntnisse beim Ehegattennachzug”.</p>	
8.	<p><b>In case of family reunification to a foreign citizen: copy of passport <u>and</u></b></p>		



	<p><b>copy of recent valid residence permit (“Aufenthaltstitel”) (front and back side) of the spouse/fiancé(e)</b></p> <p><b>In case of family reunification to a German citizen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>copy of passport or German ID of the spouse/fiancé(e)</b></li></ul>		
9.	<p><b>Copy of the spouse’s or fiancé(e)’s residence registration certificate</b></p>	<p>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).</p>	
10.	<p><b>In case your spouse or fiancé(e) obtained asylum status, refugee status or subsidiary protection:</b></p> <p><b>1 copy of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) certificate regarding the award of the protection status</b></p> <p><b>and, if applicable:</b></p> <p><b>1 copy of proof of timely notification in accordance with Section 29 (2) AufenthG (“Fristwahrende Anzeige”)</b></p>	<p>Please submit a complete copy of the certificate (“BAMF-Bescheid”).</p> <p>You can submit a timely notification online on <a href="http://www.fap.diplo.de">www.fap.diplo.de</a> or directly at the competent German Foreigner’s Authority (“Ausländerbehörde”).</p>	
11.	<p><b>If existing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>pictures of the Nikah with date stamp (copy)</b></li><li>- <b>family pictures (copy)</b></li></ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <p><b>proof of existing contact between the spouse/fiancé(e) in Germany and the applicant (copy)</b></p>	<p>Please submit family pictures of different time periods, events and occasions.</p> <p>Chat history / call log (with dates!) from at least 5 different days of the last 2 months before submitting the application.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Visa fee of 75.00 EUR (per adult applicant)</b></p>	<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</p>	



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		<p>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>	
13.	<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.	
14.	<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.**

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.