

## National visa

### Family reunion with a Foreign Citizen

#### General Information

If the applicant is married or will get married to a foreign citizen legally residing in Germany (non EU), or if the applicant is a parent of a foreign (unborn) child and wish to reside permanently in Germany (or stay longer than 3 months) in order to live with the family, it is required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa.

- The applicant needs to prove basic German language skills when applying for the visa.
- Processing the visa application takes up to 12 weeks upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon approval by the competent authorities in Germany. The applicant will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required processing period has not yet passed.
- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa. A final residence permit for the whole duration of the stay will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.
- It is recommended that no flight ticket is purchased until a visa has been granted!
- Further documentation may be requested in each individual case.
- Foreign documents issued in other language than English or German have to be submitted an official translation.
- Please note that foreign certificates must recognized legally for Germany. Therefore, Bahraini certificates need a so-called "Apostille". Please see our [website](#) for further information.
- Each applicant must submit one set of copies with all the following documents. (Copies will not be made by the Embassy.)

| <b>Visa Application Checklist</b>  |
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| <b>Unless otherwise specified, the documents must be submitted in a single copy (originals with one copy). Originals will be returned after the application has been processed at the latest.</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) fully completed and signed <a href="#">application form</a> including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declarations according to § 54 (2) no. 8 in conjunction with § 53 of the German Residence Act, duly signed  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two (2) current biometric passport photos. Digitally processed photos cannot be accepted.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original passport (or travel document) valid for at least 3 months longer than the intended stay. It must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a copy of the passport data page and if applicable previous visas within the last three (3) years.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy   |
| <b>For Family Reunion to the Foreign Spouse</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport or identity card as well as residence permit of the spouse   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration certificate (Meldebescheinigung) of the spouse residing in Germany (not older than six months).<br><br>If you do not yet have a place of residence in Germany, you can prove your residential address, e.g. by presenting a rental agreement or proof of ownership. If you would initially like to move into temporary accommodation, please submit an informal letter from the accommodation provider (e.g. family members or friends) or a hotel booking.<br><br>The address given will determine the foreigners authority responsible for the application, which may be involved in the visa procedure and will issue the residence permit after entry. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In case of previous marriages: divorce deed or death certificate  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of basic knowledge of German at level A1. More information (including exceptions) can be found <a href="#">here</a> .   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of family members earnings / financing of living in Germany (e. g. work contract, scholarship, bursary).  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of sufficient health insurance in Germany, valid from entry for at least 90 days.   |
| <b>For Family Reunion of children and parents</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate of the parents   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport or identity card as well as residence permit of the parents  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration certificate (Meldebescheinigung) of the parents or children residing in Germany (not older than six months).<br><br><p>If you do not yet have a place of residence in Germany, you can prove your residential address, e.g. by presenting a rental agreement or proof of ownership. If you would initially like to move into temporary accommodation, please submit an informal letter from the accommodation provider (e.g. family members or friends) or a hotel booking.</p> <p>The address given will determine the foreigners authority responsible for the application, which may be involved in the visa procedure and will issue the residence permit after entry.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In case, a child applies for family reunion and one parent stays abroad: notarized declaration of consent, custody judgment or death certificate of that parent.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If the applying child is older than <b>16 years</b> : Proof of knowledge of German at level B2  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of sufficient health insurance in Germany, valid from entry for at least 90 days.   |
| <b>Fee</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar   |
| <b>Completeness of application</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.   |