German Missions in India

Application for a national visa
Family Reunion for Spouses

For the application you require the following documents:

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☐	Valid **passport** issued within the last 10 years and with at least two empty pages
☐	**Application form** & declaration (in accordance with Section 54 of the Residence Act) duly signed (2 copies)
☐	**2** current, identical biometric **passport photos**
☐	**Declaration for Additional contact and legal representation information** (2 copies)
☐	Additional **questionnaire** duly completed & signed
☐	**Copy** of the first and last page and all pages containing entry stamps/visas of **your passport** (A4 size copy
☐	**Copy** of the first and last page/ data pages and all pages containing entry stamps/visas of **your spouse's passport** (A4 size copy)
☐	If applicable, **copy of spouse's German residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel")**
☐	If applicable, **certificate of residence ("Meldebescheinigung")** of the spouse living in Germany, not older than 6 months, or alternative documents (see website)

☐	**Proof of marriage**:
	
	a) if the marriage was performed according to the <u>Hindu Marriage Act</u>:
	  - Marriage registration certificate
	  - Temple <u>or</u> Gurudwara <u>or</u> Priest certificate
	  - Conversion certificate, if applicable
	  - Several photographs showing that the essential rites have been performed (i.a. Pheras, Saptapadi/ Anand Karaj)
	
	b) if the marriage was performed according to <u>Sharia Law</u>:
	  - Marriage registration certificate
	  - Nikahnama
	  - Conversion certificate, if applicable
	  - Several photographs (i.e. bridal couple signing the Nikahnama, Qazi, witnesses
	
	c) if the marriage was performed according to <u>Special Marriage Act</u> ("Court Marriage", "Civil Marriage")
	  - Certificate of Marriage according to Section 13 Special Marriage Act
	  - Photographs of marriage or function
	
	d) if the marriage was performed according to the Christian Marriage Act:
	  - Marriage registration certificate, if Compulsory Registration Marriage Act is in force
	  - Marriage certificate issued by licensed Church
	  - Conversion certificate, if applicable
	  - Photographs of marriage or function
	
	e) if the marriage did not take place in India or in Germany: marriage certificate with

	apostille/ legalization, if applicable
☐	**Birth certificate** issued under the "Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969"
☐	**School certificate**: matriculation certificate or Middle School Board Certificate or school leaving certificate <u>including the date of birth</u>
☐	**Proof of Residence in India**: Aadhaar Card or Ration card of the applicant covering the past 4 years <u>or</u> Voter's ID; if a non-Indian residing in India: visa/residence permit for India
☐	If applicable: **Divorce judgement and decree of all former marriages of both spouses**, German divorce judgement with "Rechtskraftvermerk", which confirms that the judgment is final
☐	If applicable**: Certificate of death of former spouse**
☐	**Proof of German knowledge** (A1 level): "Start Deutsch 1" from Goethe-Institute or "Start Deutsch 1" of telc GmbH (The European Language Certificate) or "Grundstufe Deutsch 1" of the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD) For information on possible exemptions, please refer to the information on the [website](#) or [here](#)
☐	**Confirmation of health insurance** either through your spouse ("family coverage") or through travel health insurance until it has been established
☐	**Visa fee**
☐	**For MUMBAI/KOLKATA/CHENNAI only** – Please present the following additional documents: Invitation letter of spouse, spouse's employment contract, spouse's salary slips of the past three months

Additional information, also on these necessary documents, can be found on the [website](#).

In case a document is not set up in German or English, it has to be submitted together with a <u>notary attested translation into English.</u>

All documents need to be presented in original plus TWO copies (A4 size). Please DO NOT STAPLE any documents

Please note that the German Mission in India reserves the right to request additional documents or initiate a further investigation and verification of documents.

The submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to appear for a visa interview may result in the rejection of your application. Making untrue statements and/or handing in documents that do not reflect the truth will result in a rejection of your application