

## Information sheet: Transit Visa

This information leaflet has been generated by the German Embassy in Dhaka. It is valid for visa applications in Bangladesh if you require an airport transit visa for Germany. This leaflet stipulates the legal requirements and can be downloaded free of charge. Applicants are requested to read it carefully and observe the regulations as stated below – see I. till IV.

A **Schengen Visa Category-A** (airport transit without entering Germany) might be not required for Bangladeshi citizens in order to transit through German airports if the passenger stays within the transit area **and** if they hold a residence permits of a Schengen Union Country.

### Please note:

Entry clearance requirements depend on the citizenship and resident status of the applicant (sometimes in a third country). Only a flight through one Schengen Union Country at a time is considered as a transit. The vast majority of travellers do not need a visa when air transiting through Germany. In Germany, the following airports have an International Transit Area:

- Frankfurt am Main
- München
- Hamburg -- transit only possible between 4:30 am and 11:30 pm
- Düsseldorf - transit only possible between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm and only if the airline has arranged the transit with airport security – please check with your airline
- Berlin Brandenburg - transit only possible between 5:30 am and 11:30 pm and only if the airline has arranged the transit with airport security – please check with your airline

This information is not legally binding. Please get in contact with your airline.

**Please note:** The entry clearance requirements might differ from case to case, please get in contact with the Embassy or the airport police for information on your individual case.

### I. Documents to be submitted:

| Sl. No.: | Required Documents:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Submitted:               |
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| 1.       | Completely filled out and signed Schengen visa application form.<br><br>Please use the <a href="#">VIDEX website</a> to fill out the application online.<br><br>Please ensure to print and submit all pages of the application form including the barcodes.                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.       | <a href="#">Declaration of Consent</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.       | Passport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validity minimum three months from the date of expiry of the requested visa.</li> <li>• At least two free “visa pages”</li> <li>• Previous passport(s) if applicable</li> <li>• Valid Bangladesh residence permit for non-Bangladeshi applicants (valid at least three months from the date of expiry of the requested visa / intended end of journey)</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.       | One recent biometric passport sized photograph (35x45mm, white background, 70% - 80% face coverage); Head coverings are only accepted for religious reasons. (Do not glue or staple the picture to the application form)                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.       | Valid visas for all countries of destination after departure from / arrival in the Schengen area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.       | Flight reservation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flight reservation or travel itinerary</li> </ul> <p>You do not have to book the flight; you only have to reserve it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 7.       | Personal cover letter explaining the purpose of your visit and who will bear the travel cost                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8.       | <p>Additional photocopies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passport copy of pages containing personal data</li> <li>Copy of valid Bangladesh residence permit / visa (applicable only to non-Bangladeshi applicants)</li> </ul> <p>Copies of previous Schengen, US, Canada or UK visa, if applicable</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |
| 9.       | <p>Additional documents for minors below the age of 18 (if applicable) – proving legal parenthood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>copy of either birth certificate / proof of adoption / custody decree in case parents are divorced or – if applicable – death certificate of parent (German or English translation is required) “Letter of consent” from legal guardian, including his / her passport copy – legalized by a notary public (only required in cases the legal guardian is not present during the visa appointment)</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NOTE: Special rules might apply for some nationals which passports are not recognized by the German authorities. You might be requested to come personally to the Embassy. Visa processing will take more time.

## II. Information for the applicant on Terms and Conditions of the visa process:

All photocopies should be in A4 size. Documents other than in English and in German need to be submitted along with the translation in English or German.

Only complete applications will be accepted; non-submission of necessary documentation may lead to refusal of visa application.

The processing time at the Embassy due to necessary and obligatory legal requirements takes up to 15 calendar days. Applicants are requested to apply well in advance, but – due to legal requirements - not more than six months prior to the intended date of journey. Status updates during the regular processing time will not be entertained.

During the whole processing time the passport has to remain with the German Embassy. Passports can only be withdrawn if the applicant withdraws their application.

False or falsified documents, including fake bookings, will lead to the refusal of visa and/or further consequences.

The German Embassy Dhaka reserves the right to ask for additional documents and/or call applicant for an interview.

## III. REMARKS to be filled out by VFS staff (please tick, what is relevant):

Applicant travels ☐ alone ☐ with family member/s  
☐ With a group as .....  
(Please specify e.g. colleague, escort, sponsor)

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#### IV. SIGNATURES and AGREEMENT

For Visa Applicant:

I have taken note of all the regulations and remarks as mentioned from I. to III. on the checklist. I have been informed that VFS Global does not have any influence on the decision about a visa application!

I confirm that the VFS officer has noted all documents submitted by me and that I want the application in its present form to be forwarded to the German Embassy Dhaka. I am aware that original documents not submitted with a copy will be kept by the visa section.

For VFS staff:

I confirm that above checklist has been filled out together with and signed in front of me by the applicant

Dhaka, .....

City and Date

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(signature of applicant)

Dhaka, .....

City and Date

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(signature of VFS Staff)