



Checklist for a German National Visa
-family reunion for spouses-

Please make sure that you present all the documents applicable as per the checklist when taking your appointment at VFS Global/ the competent German Mission. Failure to do so may result in our inability to process your application and you having to book a new appointment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least another year as of date of visa application; passports with observations regarding name, date of birth, place of birth and sex cannot be accepted); passport must have at least two empty pages
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application form , declaration form and contact information form duly filled & signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal covering letter explaining the exact purpose and duration of stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional questionnaire duly filled & signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of the <u>first</u> and <u>last</u> page and <u>all</u> pages containing entry stamps/visas of your passport (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of the <u>first</u> and <u>last</u> page/ data pages and <u>all</u> pages containing entry stamps/visas of your spouse's passport (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of residence ("Meldebescheinigung") of the spouse living in Germany, <u>not older than 6 months</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of spouse's residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel") , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of marriage: a) if the marriage was performed according to the Hindu Marriage Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Sharia Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Special Marriage Act ("Court Marriage", "Civil Marriage") <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marriage registration certificate, if Compulsory Registration Marriage Act is in force - Marriage certificate issued by licensed Church - Conversion certificate, if applicable

	<p>- Photographs of marriage or function</p> <p>e) if the marriage did not take place in India or in Germany: marriage certificate with apostille/ legalization, if applicable</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate issued under the “Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969”
<input type="checkbox"/>	School certificate: matriculation certificate <u>or</u> Middle School Board Certificate <u>or</u> school leaving certificate <u>including the date of birth</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Residence in India: Aadhaar Card <u>or</u> Ration card of the applicant covering the past 4 years <u>or</u> Voter’s ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorce judgement and decree of all former marriages of both spouses , if applicable, German divorce judgement with “Rechtskraftvermerk”, which confirms that the judgment is final
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of death of former spouse , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic degree certificate , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Proof of German knowledge (A1 level): „Start Deutsch 1“ from Goethe-Institute <u>or</u> „Start Deutsch 1“ of telc GmbH (The European Language Certificate) <u>or</u> „Grundstufe Deutsch 1“ of the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD)</p> <p>Please note that – under certain circumstances – there are exemptions from this requirement.</p> <p>For further information please refer to “Information of German language requirement”</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 passport pictures according to biometric specifications, not older than 6 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>For MUMBAI/KOLKATA/CHENNAI only – Please present the following additional documents:</p> <p>Invitation letter of spouse, spouse’s employment contract, spouse’s salary slips of the past three months, lease deed (if spouse is already residing in Germany)</p> <p>Kindly also bring your marriage photo album along (Mumbai Only)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa fee

Please prepare two identical application sets consisting of copies of the above-mentioned documents and bring all your original certificates along. Please DO NOT staple any documents.

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

Please note that the German Missions reserve the right to ask for additional documents or to initiate a further investigation of certificates, for which additional fees would be charged. [Click here](#) to find out about the charges for the verification.

As your application will also be forwarded to the competent immigration authorities in Germany, **processing will take at least three months**. Please be informed that regular **status enquiries during the first three months after submission of your application will not be answered**.

Please ensure that you have family health cover through your spouse. Until health cover has been established you might want to take a travel health insurance (Kindly refer to www.india.diplo.de/visa to find out about the travel health insurances accepted).

Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa will be granted. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to appear for a visa interview will delay your application and may result in the rejection of your application.

For further information please refer to <https://india.diplo.de/in-en/service/-/2288440>

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