



## National Visa – Category D: Family reunion

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**Applicants are requested to observe the general information for national, long-term visa for Germany, which complement this leaflet. Please note that incomplete applications (application sets) cannot be accepted.**

### DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED (appointment necessary!)

All documents need to be submitted in 3 sets (1 x Original and 2 x copies) in order to have 2 complete application sets of documents. Original documents will be returned after the application process has been finalized. Documents which are not in German or English language require a translation.

Every set has to be sorted as follows:

		<b>Submitted</b>
1.	<b>Application form – available online free of charge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully completed in English or German and signed and dated by the applicant himself.</li> <li>• If the applicant is <b>under the age of 18</b>, signed form “Letter of consent” needs to be attached including passport copies of parents/ legal guardian.</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>Declaration of true and complete information – available also online, free of charge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to Section 54 (2) 8 in conjunction with Section 53 of the Residence Act</li> <li>• If the applicant is <b>under the age of 18</b>, signed form both parents</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>Passport</b> ( <i>Special rules might apply for some nationals which passports are not recognized by the German authorities.</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validity minimum one year</li> <li>• Signed by bearer</li> <li>• Passport not older than 10 years (issued in the last 10 years)</li> <li>• At least two free visa pages</li> <li>• Undamaged pictures securely affixed with/to passport</li> <li>• Previous passport if applicable</li> <li>• IMPORTANT: valid UAE residence permit</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Three recent biometric passport sized photographs (3.5x4,5 cm)</b> Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should <b>n o t</b> be older than 6 months.</li> <li>• A frontal view of the face covering 70-80% (32-26mm) of the photo.</li> <li>• A uniform and light-colored background.</li> <li>• Clear facial features and eyes – not covered by hair or glasses frame.</li> <li>• Head coverings are only accepted for religious reasons.</li> </ul> Do not glue or staple the pictures to the application form.	
5.	<b>If applicable: previous stay in Germany / previous Schengen Visa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of your old German resident permit</li> <li>• Copies of previous Schengen visa</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Details of spouse</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport copy</li> <li>• For spouses of foreign nationals have to submit a copy of their partners residence permit for Germany.</li> <li>• Certificate of residence (“Meldebescheinigung”) of the spouse living in Germany, not older than 6 months</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Marriage Certificate</b> a) German Marriage Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German certificate of marriage or extract from the Family Register, along with certified copies.</li> </ul> b) Foreign Marriage Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign documents or certificates are often only recognized by the authorities of a state if their authenticity and evidentiary value has been determined by a special procedure.</li> </ul> <b>** See separate leaflet for information regarding the recognition of foreign documents.</b>	
8.	<b>Divorce decree of previous marriages or death certificate of former spouse, if applicant has been previously married</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign documents or certificates are often only recognized by the authorities of a state if their authenticity and evidentiary value has been determined by a special procedure</li> </ul>	

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9.	<b>Proof of accommodation in Germany</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of lease certificate of apartment in Germany or title deed of owned property, if partner is already residing in Germany.</li> </ul>	
10.	<b>Proof of sufficient means of substance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of employment certificate of the foreign spouse who intends to live in Germany</li> <li>• Salary slips from past three months if is living in Germany</li> </ul> Kindly do note that it is not possible to take savings or foreign income into account.	
11.	<b>Health Insurance, will only be requested where applicable</b> Requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Proof of health insurance for the stay in Germany.</li> <li>b) Offer letter from a German Health Insurance company, stating the expected month fees.</li> </ol> <b>** See separate leaflet, for Health Insurance Information.</b>	
12.	<b>Knowledge of basic German language – Level A 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of language proficiency in German, by an recognized institute according to ALTE ( Association of Language Testers in Europe. In the U.A.E. the following insitutes are recognized Goethe-Institut, telc GmbH, Österreichisches Sprachdiplom (ÖSD) and TestDaF- Institut e.V.</li> </ul> <b>Exemptions on this requirement apply, and can be checked on the information sheet provided on our website.</b>	

Incoming medical insurance or proof public / private insurance has to be provided at the time of visa approval.

### **National Visa – Category D: Spouse of German Nationals**

For German Nationals relocating with their Foreign Spouse, a detailed letter indicating coverage of sufficient financial means during the initial months is required, instead of no. 10.

### **National Visa – Category D: Family reunion of minors below the age of 16**

Minors, who wish to reunite or accompany their parents, have to present the above mentioned documents as well.

However have to present their birth certificate, marriage certificate of parents and additionally a copy of the custody decree, if their parents are divorced. Passport copies of parents are required. Death Certificate, if one parent has deceased. **\*\* See separate leaflet, for recognition of foreign documents.** German Language skills are not required.

### **National Visa – Category D: Family reunion to EU Nationals (excluding citizens of Germany)**

Spouses of EU Nationals, excluding German citizens, are exempted from providing a copy of their partners Meldebescheinigung (Certificate of Residence) and the requirements of No.10 and 12. They are requested to provide a copy of their partner's employment certificate, however salary slips are not required.

If the EU national in Germany is not working fulltime, proof of sufficient personal funds is required.

### **National Visa – Category D: Intended marriage / civil union**

The visa process is only considered the last step and applicants should contact the civil registrar ( Standesamt ) well before in order to undergo the necessary procedure.

Instead of a marriage certificate, applicants are requested to provide the Certificate of intended marriage / establishment of civil union ("Anmeldung zur Eheschließung / Eintragung einer Lebenspartnerschaft"), which has to be less than 6 months old.

A formal obligation letter ("Verpflichtungserklärung") by the fiancé is considered as proof of sufficient means of substance.

- needs to be provided in original and not older than 6 months, and with the remark "Bonität Nachgewiesen"

### **Note further:**

- Applicants who come late to their appointment by more than 15 min, will not be permitted to enter the visa section and require to book a new appointment.
- Only complete applications can be accepted; applicants will be requested to arrange a new appointment if arriving with incomplete documents.
- Visa fees must be paid upon submission of application in cash (AED) only to the German Consulate only exact change will be accepted.
- Processing time at the Consulate due to necessary and obligatory legal requirements usually takes a minimum of 3 working days and up to 12 weeks. Applicants are requested to apply up to 3 months prior to the intended date of journey. Applicants are also kindly requested to refrain from status inquiries, within the first 8 weeks.
- False or falsified documents will lead to the refusal of visa and / or further consequences.
- Complete documentation does not guarantee a visa approval.
- The German Consulate Dubai reserves the right to ask for additional documents and / or call applicant for additional information or interview.

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