



Embassy  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
New Delhi

**Application for a Visa in terms of family reunion**  
**and permanent residence in Germany**

With effect from March 17, 2008, all applicants intending to apply for a visa in terms of family reunion in Germany have to schedule an appointment prior to filing their application at the German Embassy in New Delhi. Appointments have to be scheduled with [VFS Global Services Pvt. Ltd.](#), managing the German Application Centers. For details call up

(011) 4253-0000 or check out the website: [www.vfs-germany.co.in/](http://www.vfs-germany.co.in/)

For information concerning VFS service charges and the mode of payment please contact VFS directly.

The personal appearance of the applicant is mandatory at the German Embassy New Delhi at the time of submitting the application. Minors have to be accompanied by the legal guardians or an authorized third person carrying proof in form of a written authorization attested by a notary public and a valid photo-ID.

Upon application, the following documents have to be submitted in the original version along with a translation into the English language and three sets of copies each:

1. valid passport, while the date of expiry has to exceed the day of application for at least six months
2. 4 passport pictures according to [biometric specifications](#) (in case you can not click the given link, please refer to our homepage)
3. copy of all pages of the spouse's passport
4. copy of the work contract of the spouse living in Germany, if applicable
5. two completely filled in application forms
6. [Visa Fee](#) is to be paid through Demand Draft made out to the "Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany" in New Delhi (in case you can not click the given link, please refer to our homepage)
7. In case of Marriage performed according to the regulations of the Hindu Marriage Act
  - A Marriage Certificate

- A Certificate / Confirmation from the Mandir / Gurudwara
  - A Conversion Certificate, if applicable
  - Several photographs showing that the essential rites had been performed
8. In case of Marriage performed under Shariat Law
- A Nikahnama (signed by Qazi)
  - Several photographs showing that the essential rites had been performed
9. In case of Marriage performed under the Special Marriage Act
- A Marriage Certificate
10. In case of Marriage performed under the Christian Marriage Act
- A Marriage Certificate
  - Church Certificate
  - Certificate of Conversion, if applicable
11. Birth Certificate under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969, if birth occurred on 01.04.1973 or later
12. Certificate of Non-Traceability of Entry in Birth Register/Not-Found-Certificate in case the birth occurred before 01.04.1973 and a birth certificate cannot be issued or a late registration is not possible
13. Matriculation Certificate or Middle School Board Certificate or School Leaving Certificate containing the date of birth
14. Ration Card of the applicant covering the last 4 years
15. Divorce Judgment and Decree from former spouse, if applicable
16. Custody Judgment and Decree, if applicable
17. Certification of acknowledgement of paternity, if applicable
18. Confirmation from Registrar of Births regarding illegitimacy of children, if applicable
19. Certificate of Death of the former spouse, if applicable
20. Certificate of Residence of the spouse living in Germany. This Certificate must not be older than 6 months

21. Proof of sufficient knowledge of the German language through an A-1 Level Certificate issued by the Goethe Institute (Max Mueller Bhawan)
22. Proof of sufficient knowledge of the German language through an C-1 Level Certificate issued by the Goethe Institute (Max Mueller Bhawan) for minors aged between 16 and 18 years if they apply in terms of family reunion with a non-German national
23. 15,000/- Rupees investigation fee for the verification of all documents of Indian origin (to be paid through Demand Draft payable to the “Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany”). The verification procedure will be initiated and carried out by the Embassy. The process of verification takes at least between 8 to 12 weeks. Exceptions from the necessity of verification may apply in cases when no permanent residence in Germany is intended and the competent Aliens Office in Germany agrees to waive this procedure.

***The German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents!***

***Please note that in case of incomplete documents the application will not be accepted and processed by the Embassy. Consequently a new appointment has to be scheduled!***

Please click to download the following required forms / declarations for applying your visa:

- [Application Form for German National Residence Permit \[pdf; 322.15 k\]](#)
- [Declaration on True and Complete Information \[pdf; 27.09 k\]](#)

The above given forms / declarations can also be downloaded from the homepage of the German Embassy at [www.new-delhi.diplo.de](http://www.new-delhi.diplo.de)