



Application for a visa for an intended marriage/ establishment of a civil union in Germany

With effect from March 17, 2008, all applicants intending to apply for a visa for an intended marriage/ establishment of a civil union 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.](http://www.vfs-germany.co.in), managing the German Application Centres. For further details call up (011) 4253-0000 or check out the website: www.vfs-germany.co.in

For information concerning fees involved and methods of payment please contact VFS directly.

The personal appearance of the applicant is mandatory at the German Embassy New Delhi at the time of submission the application. A visa for an intended marriage or an establishment of a civil union in Germany may only be applied for, under the provision, that a Certificate issued by the German Civil Registrar can be provided stating that an appointment for the intended marriage / establishment of a civil union has been scheduled. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary to verify with the competent German Civil Registrar which documents have to be submitted in Germany before applying for a visa.

According to the information available to the German Embassy in principle the following original documents are required by the Civil Registrar in Germany:

1. "Certificate of Marriageability" issued by the Executive Magistrate or Marriage Officer or District Court according to the Special Marriage Act, 1954. This Certificate should not be older than 6 months

Since the competent authorities in the Union Territory of Delhi do not issue such a Certificate of Marriageability, an affidavit from the parents of the applicant and from the municipal councillor stating the family status and date of birth of the applicant are required

2. Birth Certificate under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969, if birth occurred on 01.04.1971 or later

3. 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
4. Matriculation Certificate or Middle School Board Certificate or School Leaving Certificate containing the date of birth
5. Divorce Judgement and Divorce Decree from former spouse, if applicable
6. Certificate of Death of the former spouse, if applicable

All above mentioned documents have to be submitted to the Civil Registrar in the original version along with a translation into the English language. It is necessary to contact the Civil Registrar to verify, whether additional documents or translations in the German language are required. In each case, all documents of Indian origin submitted to the Civil Registrar have to be verified in terms of genuineness and correctness of the contents. The verification procedure will be initiated by the Civil Registrar and carried out by the Embassy. The process of verification takes at least between 8 to 12 weeks. Costs involved amount up to 15,000/- Rupees and have to be borne by the applicant and paid to the Civil Registrar in Germany. The results of the verification will be forwarded to the Civil Registrar in Germany and as soon as he concludes that all requirements are fulfilled, a Certificate will be issued concerning the scheduled appointment for the intended marriage / establishment of a civil union. Only then, the necessary visa may be applied for.

When applying at the Embassy the following documents have to be submitted personally by the applicant:

1. valid passport, while the expiry date of the passport has to exceed the day of application for at least one year
2. 4 passport pictures according to [biometric specifications](#) (in case you can not click the given link, please refer to our homepage)
3. two completely filled in [application forms](#)
4. [Visa Fee](#) has 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)

5. two sets of copies of all documents (front and back page) submitted to the German Civil Registrar
6. overseas health insurance valid until the time of marriage
7. a formal obligation letter according to Articles §§ 66 to 68 German Immigration Act
8. Certificate of Intended Marriage/ establishment of a civil union issued by the Civil Registrar. *This Certificate must not be older than 6 months!*
9. Certificate of Residence of the fiancé(e) / partner living in Germany. *This Certificate must not be older than 6 months*
10. Proof of sufficient knowledge of the German language through an A-1 Level Certificate issued by the Goethe Institute (Max Mueller Bhawan). The 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 for 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