



**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 <b>passport</b> (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"/>	<a href="#">Application form</a> , <a href="#">declaration form</a> and <a href="#">contact information form</a> duly filled & signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Personal covering letter</b> explaining the exact purpose and duration of stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Additional questionnaire</a> duly filled & signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of the <u>first</u> and <u>last</u> page and <u>all</u> pages containing entry stamps/visas of your passport</b> (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>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</b> (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certificate of residence ("Meldebescheinigung")</b> of the spouse living in Germany, <u>not older than 6 months</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of spouse's residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel")</b> , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Proof of marriage:</b></p> <p>a) if the marriage was performed according to the Hindu Marriage Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marriage registration certificate</li> <li>- Temple <u>or</u> Gurudwara <u>or</u> Priest certificate</li> <li>- Conversion certificate, if applicable</li> <li>- Several photographs showing that the essential rites have been performed (i.a. Pheras, Saptapadi/ Anand Karaj)</li> </ul> <p>b) if the marriage was performed according to Sharia Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marriage registration certificate</li> <li>- Nikahnama</li> <li>- Conversion certificate, if applicable</li> <li>- Several photographs (i.e. bridal couple signing the Nikahnama, Qazi, witnesses)</li> </ul> <p>c) if the marriage was performed according to Special Marriage Act ("Court Marriage", "Civil Marriage")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certificate of Marriage according to Section 13 Special Marriage Act</li> <li>- Photographs of marriage or function</li> </ul> <p>d) if the marriage was performed according to the Christian Marriage Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marriage registration certificate, if Compulsory Registration Marriage Act is in force</li> <li>- Marriage certificate issued by licensed Church</li> <li>- Conversion certificate, if applicable</li> </ul>

	<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"/>	<b>Birth certificate</b> issued under the “Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969”
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>School certificate:</b> 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"/>	<b>Proof of Residence in India:</b> Aadhaar Card <u>or</u> Ration card of the applicant covering the past 4 years <u>or</u> Voter’s ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Divorce judgement and decree of all former marriages of both spouses</b> , if applicable, German divorce judgement with “Rechtskraftvermerk”, which confirms that the judgment is final
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certificate of death of former spouse</b> , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Academic degree certificate</b> , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Proof of German knowledge (A1 level):</b> „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 “<a href="#">Information of German language requirement</a>”</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 passport pictures</b> according to biometric specifications, not older than 6 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>For MUMBAI/KOLKATA/CHENNAI only – Please present the following additional documents:</b></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) or proof of temporary accommodation (i.e. hotel booking, confirmation of company for providing an accommodation)</p> <p>Kindly also bring your marriage photo album along (Mumbai Only)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visa fee</b>

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](http://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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