



**Checklist for a German National Visa**  
**-family reunion for children to join one or both parents in Germany-**

**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"/>	<b><u>Application form, declaration form and contact information form</u></b> duly filled & signed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Personal covering letter from the parents</b> explaining the exact purpose and duration of stay
<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 and <u>all</u> pages containing entry stamps/visas of parents' passport</b> (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certificate of residence ("Meldebescheinigung")</b> of the parent(s) living in Germany, <u>not older than 6 months</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of parents' residence permit ("Aufenthaltstitel")</b> , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>School certificate</b> mentioning parentage and date of birth, if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Proof of marriage of parents:</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>

	- Photographs of marriage or function  e) if the marriage did not take place in India or in Germany : marriage certificate with apostille/ legalization, if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Birth certificate</b> issued under the “Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969”
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Divorce judgment and decree of parents</b> , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Death certificate of parent</b> , if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Only in case of family reunion with a non-German parent in Germany:</b> <b>If the other parent continues to reside permanently in India</b> , parent in Germany needs to prove <b>sole custody</b> (e.g. <b>custody order in divorce decree, custody decree</b> ) OR <b>declaration of consent</b> needs to be <b>signed by parent remaining in India</b> in person at the German Mission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of German knowledge (C1 level)</b> For minors aged 16 and above, if they apply for a family reunion with a non-German / non-EU national
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>2 passport pictures</b> according to biometric specifications, not older than 6 months
<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.

**Minors have to be accompanied by their legal guardian or third person duly authorized by the legal guardian by presenting a written authorization attested by a German notary public together with a valid photo-ID or by submitting the [declaration of consent](#).**

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 the 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 parent. 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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