

National visa

Family reunion with a Foreign Citizen

General Information

If the applicant is married or will get married to a foreign citizen legally residing in Germany (non EU), or if the applicant is a parent of a foreign (unborn) child and wish to reside permanently in Germany (or stay longer than 3 months) in order to live with the family, it is required to obtain a residence permit in the form of a visa.

- The applicant needs to prove basic German language skills when applying for the visa.
- Processing the visa application takes up to 12 weeks upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon approval by the competent authorities in Germany. The applicant will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made if the required processing period has not yet passed.
- After the application has been approved, the German Embassy will only issue an entry permit in a form of a visa. A final residence permit for the whole duration of the stay will be granted in Germany by the Aliens Authority. The Aliens Authority requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival.
- It is recommended that no flight ticket is purchased until a visa has been granted!
- Further documentation may be requested in each individual case.
- Foreign documents issued in other language than English or German have to be submitted an official translation.
- Please note that foreign certificates must recognized legally for Germany. Therefore, Bahraini certificates need a so-called "Apostille". Please see our <u>website</u> for further information.
- Each applicant must submit one set of copies with all the following documents. (Copies will not be made by the Embassy.)

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Visa Application Checklist		
Unless otherwise specified, the documents must be submitted in a single copy (originals with one copy). Originals will be returned after the application has been processed at the latest.		
	One (1) fully completed and signed <u>application form</u> including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act.	
	Declarations according to § 54 (2) no. 8 in conjunction with § 53 of the German Residence Act, duly signed	
	Two (2) current biometric passport photos. Digitally processed photos cannot be accepted.	
	Original passport (or travel document) valid for at least 3 months longer than the intended stay. It must contain at least two blank pages and must have been issued within the last 10 years.	
	Provide a copy of the passport data page and if applicable previous visas withing the last three (3) years.	
	Bahrain CPR (residence permit) and one (1) copy	
For Family Reunion to the Foreign Spouse		
	Marriage certificate	
	Passport or identity card as well as residence permit of the spouse	
	Registration certificate (Meldebescheinigung) of the spouse residing in Germany (not older than six months).	

If you do not yet have a place of residence in Germany, you can prove your residential address, e.g. by presenting a rental agreement or proof of ownership. If you would initially like to move into temporary accommodation, please submit an informal letter from the accommodation provider (e.g. family members or friends) or a hotel booking.

The address given will determine the foreigners authority responsible for the application, which may be involved in the visa procedure and will issue the residence permit after entry.

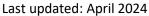
- □ In case of previous marriages: divorce deed or death certificate
- Proof of basic knowledge of German at level A1. More information (including exceptions) can be found <u>here</u>.
- □ Proof of family members earnings / financing of living in Germany (e. g. work contract, scholarship, bursary.

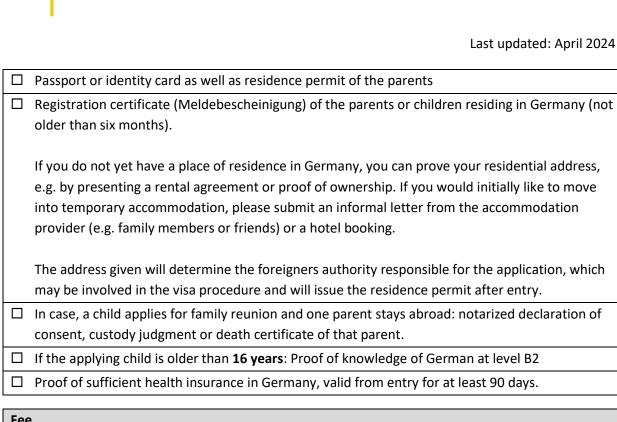
□ Proof of sufficient health insurance in Germany, valid from entry for at least 90 days.

For Family Reunion of children and parents

□ Birth certificate

□ Marriage certificate of the parents





Fee		
□ Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in Bahraini Dinar		
Completeness of application		
□ The application is complete: □Yes □ No, the information/documents indicated above are		

lacking.

Embassy

Manama

of the Federal Republic of Germany