

Applying for a National Visa for

## **Family Reunion to a family member in Germany – spouse and / or child (§§27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, 36a Residence Act)**

(long term stay for more than 90 days)

The German Embassy Kuwait is the competent mission for your national visa application if your usual place of residence is Kuwait and your main destination is Germany. Should it become clear that your usual place of residence is outside Kuwait; your visa application cannot be handled by the German Embassy Kuwait.

Applicants whose usual place of residence is Syria or Yemen can also apply for a national Visa at the German Embassy Kuwait.

Every applicant needs his/her own appointment and needs to appear in person. Minors have to be accompanied by their custodians. If you do not speak German, English or Arabic, please be accompanied by an Interpreter to your appointment.

We urgently recommend that you book your appointment yourself. Using “agents” or “advisors” puts you at risk of losing a lot of time and money. Booking an appointment is free of charge.

**Documents and certificates are to be provided in German or English.** Should your documents be issued in any other language, please provide the original with an official translation into German or English.

**Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented as the original with apostille/legalisation.** Please see the relevant information on the website of the respective German mission in the country of origin of your certificates.

Your passport and Civil ID will be returned to you after having been checked by the Visa Section. All other original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.

As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the relevant foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.

Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

**Forged or falsified documents, will result in an immediate refusal of your visa application and a possible entry ban.**

## **List of required documents:**

### **1. National Visa application form**

One duly filled (in English or German) and signed application form. Please use the [VIDEX](#) application form for National visas in order to speed up the application process and to reduce your waiting time.

### **2. Visa fees**

The visa fee for applicants from the age of 18 or older is 75,- Euros, for applicants up to the age of 17 is 37,50- Euros. The fee is to be paid in cash in KWD (according to the current Embassy exchange rate) at the Visa Section when applying.

### **3. Passport**

Valid, non-damaged passport

- signed by the passport holder
- issued within the past 10 years
- minimum of two empty pages

Please provide your original passport as well as any previous passports (if available) together with one copy of the data page.

### **4. Biometric Photo**

One recent (not older than 6 months) biometrical passport photograph with a white background (3.5 cm x 4.5 cm). The photo has to show the facial features from the chin to the hairline as well as the left and right half of the face. Please see the sample chart for passport photos on the website.

### **5. Proof of residence in Kuwait**

Colored copy (front and back) of your valid Kuwaiti Civil ID.

### **6. Marriage Certificate**

Original marriage certificate from the state of Kuwait, stating personal data of both spouses as well as of their proxy (if applicable) and witnesses.

In case of marriage by proxy, please provide the power of attorney for the proxy.

Should your marriage have been conducted outside the State of Kuwait, please present the marriage document issued according to the laws applicable in the country where the marriage took place. You can find information on the required documents on the websites of the German mission in the respective country.

If the child applying for family reunion or the child living in Germany is already married, please provide their respective marriage certificate as well.

## **7. Birth Certificate**

Original Birth certificate of the applicant as well as the birth certificate of the reference person in Germany.

## **8. In case of divorce / death of former spouse**

Should the parents or the spouse be divorced or a parent/spouse be deceased, please provide the original divorce / original death certificate.

## **9. Language skills**

Family reunion to a spouse living in Germany requires the applicant to provide proof of language proficiency (minimum) Level A1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. It is up to the applicant how he/she acquires the needed language skills. The language certificate must be issued according to the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe. This is currently true for the following certificates:

- "Start Deutsch 1" from Goethe-Institute or of telc GmbH (The European Language Certificate)
- "Grundstufe Deutsch 1" of the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD)
- "TestDaF" of the TestDaF Institute

Children applying for family reunion who are 16 years of age or older need to provide proof of language proficiency (minimum) Level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Under certain circumstance you can be exempted from providing proof of sufficient language skills. For further information please see the following information sheet provided by the [BAMF](#). Should you think that one of the exemptions apply to your case, please provide proof at the time of your application.

## **10. Documents of the reference person living in Germany**

Please provide a clearly legible copy of the following documents:

- Data page as well as further pages containing personal data of the national passport / travel document for refugees
- Residence permit in Germany
- Certificate of residence in Germany ("Meldebescheinigung"), not older than 6 months
- Rental agreement
- Work contract / Integration course participation / internship letter / Language skills or alike

Additional documents for family members with protection status in Germany:

- The decision of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees ("BAMF Bescheid"): all pages, including proof of when it was received
- Timely notification according to §29 II AufenthG (does not apply to subsidiary protection)

## **11. Health Insurance**

Please ensure that you have family health insurance through your family member.

The German Embassy Kuwait reserves the right to ask for additional documents and /or call applicant for an interview at any time.

Valid as of June 2024

Checklist of documents for family reunion to a protection status holder

- National Visa application form
- Visa fees
- Passport
- Biometric Photo
- Marriage Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- In case of divorce / death of former spouse
- Documents of the reference person living in Germany
- Health Insurance

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