



National Visa – Category D: Family reunion (close family member) to a recognized refugee from Syria

This information leaflet has been generated by the German Consulate in Dubai. The Consulate is responsible for visa applications of those applicants who reside in the United Arab Emirates permanently. The application form can be downloaded free of charge, on www.uae.diplo.de, or www.vfsglobal.com/germany/UAE

Applicants are requested to observe the general information for national, long-term visa for Germany, which complement this leaflet. Please note that incomplete applications (application sets) cannot be accepted.

Additional Information:

This leaflet is designed for applicants wishing to apply for family reunion according to §29 II AufenthG and §36 I AufenthG to a **recognized Syrian refugee living in Germany, who has been recognized as a refugee within the last three months as per an official letter of the Ministry for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)**. It is **only** valid for **close family members**, as e.g. spouse to their wife/husband, or minor children to their parent, or parent to their minor child.

Applicants need to prove their family ties to the recognized Syrian refugee living in Germany. This needs to be done by presenting the necessary certificates e.g. Syrian family book or birth/ marriage / divorce certificates. **Certificates from Syria needs to be legalized by the German Mission in Lebanon**. For more information, please visit www.beirut.diplo.de. For certificates from another origin, please see separate leaflet for information regarding the recognition of foreign documents.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED (appointment necessary!)

All documents need to be submitted in **3 sets (1 x Original and 2 x copies)** in order to have 2 complete application sets of documents. Original documents will be returned after the application process has been finalized. Documents which are not in German or English language require a translation.

Every set has to be sorted as follows:

		Submitted
1.	Special Application form – available online free of charge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully completed in English or German and signed and dated by the applicant himself. • If the applicant is under the age of 18, signed form “Letter of consent” needs to be attached including passport copies of parents/ legal guardian. 	
2.	Declaration of true and complete information – available also online, free of charge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Section 54 (2) 8 in conjunction with Section 53 of the Residence Act • If the applicant is under the age of 18, signed form both parents 	
3.	Passport (Special rules might apply for some nationals which passports are not recognized by the German authorities.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validity minimum one year • Signed by bearer • Passport not older than 10 years (issued in the last 10 years) • At least two free visa pages • Undamaged pictures securely affixed with/to passport • Previous passport if applicable • IMPORTANT: UAE residence permit 	
4.	Three recent biometric passport sized photographs (3.5x4,5 cm) Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should n o t be older than 6 months. • A frontal view of the face covering 70-80% (32-26mm) of the photo. • A uniform and light-colored background. • Clear facial features and eyes – not covered by hair or glasses frame. • Head coverings are only accepted for religious reasons. Do not glue or staple the pictures to the application form.	
5.	Details of recognized refugee in Germany: Spouse / Parent(s) / Child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passport copy • copy of resident permit in Germany • formal letter of recognition to be a refugee by Ministry of Migration and Refugee “Bescheid des BAMF” 	
6.	Certificates (family book and/or birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce, death certificate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family reunion to spouse: marriage certificate and/or family book needs to be provided • family reunion to parent: birth certificate and/or family book needs to be provided 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> family reunion to child: birth certificate and/or family book needs to be provided <p>IMPORTANT: <i>Documents need to be legalized by German Mission in Lebanon.</i></p>	
7.	Incoming medical insurance or proof public / private insurance has to be provided at the time of visa approval. More information to be provided during the interview.	

Note further:

- Applicants who come late to their appointment by more than 15 min, will not be permitted to enter the visa section and require to book a new appointment.
- Only complete applications can be accepted; applicants will be requested to arrange a new appointment if arriving with incomplete documents.
- Visa fees must be paid upon submission of application in cash (AED) only to the German Consulate only exact change will be accepted.
- Processing time at the Consulate due to necessary and obligatory legal requirements usually takes a minimum of 3 working days and up to 12 weeks. Applicants are requested to apply up to 3 months prior to the intended date of journey. Applicants are also kindly requested to refrain from status inquiries, within the first 8 weeks.
- False or falsified documents will lead to the refusal of visa and / or further consequences.
- Complete documentation does not guarantee a visa approval.
- The German Consulate Dubai reserves the right to ask for additional documents and / or call applicant for additional information or interview.

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