



# National Visa – Category D: Family Reunion Syrian Refugees

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. The application form needs to be filled out online <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/index.html#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt> and printed out.

Applicants are requested to **carefully read the general information sheet for National (long-term) visa for Germany (which can be downloaded from our website)**.

**Please note that incomplete applications cannot be accepted.**

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.

**Please note:**

As of 1 August 2018, close family members (spouses, unmarried minor children and minor children’s parents) of a person eligible for subsidiary protection in Germany are able to apply for a visa for the purpose of family reunion according to the so called 1000 regulation.

Eligible family members may use the following link to register in order to submit their visa documentation: [https://service2.diplo.de/rktermin/extern/choose\\_realmList.do?request\\_locale=de&locationCode=subs](https://service2.diplo.de/rktermin/extern/choose_realmList.do?request_locale=de&locationCode=subs)

In case of a successful preliminary inspection of the required documents by the competent authority in Germany you will receive a notification which is the basis for booking the appointment to file your application for family reunion to the family member at this Consulate

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](http://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

All documents need to be submitted in 2 sets of copies including application form. Original certificates / documents must be presented separately. Original documents will be returned immediately. Documents which are not in German or English language require a translation.

**Every set has to be sorted as follows:**

1.	<b>Application form – available online free of charge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully completed in English or German and signed and dated by the applicant himself.</li> <li>If the applicant is <b>under the age of 18</b>, signed form “Authorization – Minors / Children under 18” needs to be attached including passport copies of parents/ legal guardian.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Declaration of true and complete information – available also online, free of charge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to Section 54 (2) 8 in conjunction with Section 53 of the Residence Act</li> <li>If the applicant is <b>under the age of 18</b>, signed form both parents</li> </ul>

3.	<p><b>Passport</b> (<i>Special rules might apply for some nationals which passports are not recognized by the German authorities.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validity minimum one year</li> <li>• Signed by bearer</li> <li>• Passport not older than 10 years (issued in the last 10 years)</li> <li>• At least two free visa pages</li> <li>• Undamaged pictures securely affixed with/to passport</li> <li>• Previous passport if applicable</li> <li>• <b>IMPORTANT:</b> valid UAE residence permit</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Three <u>recent</u> biometric passport sized photographs (3.5x4,5 cm)</b></p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should <b><i>NOT</i></b> be older than 6 months.</li> <li>• A frontal view of the face covering 70-80% (32-26mm) of the photo.</li> <li>• A uniform and light-colored background.</li> <li>• Clear facial features and eyes – not covered by hair or glasses frame.</li> <li>• Head coverings are only accepted for religious reasons.</li> </ul> <p>Do not glue or staple the pictures to the application form.</p>
5.	<p><b>If applicable: previous stay in Germany / previous Schengen Visa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of your old German resident permit</li> <li>• Copies of previous Schengen visa</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Certificates (family book and/or birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce, death certificate)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• family reunion to spouse: marriage certificate and/or family book needs to be provided</li> <li>• family reunion to parent: birth certificate and/or family book needs to be provided</li> <li>• family reunion to child: birth certificate and/or family book needs to be provided</li> </ul> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> <i>Documents need to be legalized by German Mission in Lebanon.</i></p>
7.	<p><b>Incoming medical insurance or proof public / private insurance</b> has to be provided at the time of visa approval. More information to be provided during the interview.</p>

**Note further:**

- Applicants, who come late to their appointment by more than 15 min, will not be permitted to enter the visa section and are required to schedule 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 7 working days and up to 12 weeks or longer. 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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