

Necessary documents for applying for a long-term (national) visa for family reunification for non-Turkish and non-Syrian citizens (last updated: August 2021)

Please print out this information sheet, cross off the documents you have prepared and bring the information sheet with you to your application.

How and where do I apply for the visa?

You can find all information on that in the general information sheet on national visa on the homepage of the German foreign missions in Turkey: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>

How does the application procedure work?

Please come on time and in person to your appointment at the visa section. Each family member applying for a visa must be there in person. The address of the visa section can be found in the appointment confirmation you have received via email. Please bring all your documents with you. The staff at the visa section will accept your application documents and the fee, ask you questions about the planned stay and record your fingerprints. The staff speaks Turkish, Arabic, German or English. If you do not speak any of these languages very well, you must bring an interpreter with you. Please note that close family members (spouse, children) are not accepted as interpreters.

What documents do I need?

- 2 x completely filled in application forms: You can print out the application form here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node?openAccordionId=item-231156-6-panel>
Alternatively you can use an online form and print it out from here: <https://videx-national.diplo.de/>
From the age of 18, you sign the form yourself; in the case of children, the parent or legal guardian sign it.
- Visa fee: You pay the visa fee at the visa section in cash. Change cannot be given. The fee is usually 75,00 Euro; for children from 0 to 17 years: usually 40,00 Euro.
- Valid passport and 2 copies of the passport data page(s) (page with your photo and validity dates) for each family member
- Two passport photos for each applicant: The photos must be biometric and not older than 6 months. They must be 35 x 45 millimetres. You can find more information on biometric photos here:



<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/themen/moderne-verwaltung/ausweise/fotomustertafel.html>

Please also bring the documents listed below (original version and 2 copies). Please ensure the copies are legible.

Please bring German translations of all foreign language documents. Only English language documents do not need to be translated.

**Please note that foreign documents must be presented in the form required by the country in which the document was drawn up, e.g. legalized. You will find detailed information on this in the general information sheet on national visas on the website of the German missions abroad in Turkey.: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>
Documents from German authorities will be accepted without further formality.**

Turkish documents are accepted without further formality if they are presented in the international form (e.g. Formül B for marriage certificates, Formül A for birth certificates).

- Documents of the family member in Germany:
 - Copy of the passport (photo page)
 - Confirmation of registration (“Meldebescheinigung”) of the family member in Germany
 - Email address and telephone number of the family member in Germany
 - For foreign family members: copy of the residence permit
 - If the family member has a protection status in Germany a copy of the BAMF’s recognition notice is required and, if available, proof of the timely notification that the application was submitted within three months (printout from <https://fap.diplo.de>)

- Turkish residence status (“Yabancı Tanıtma Belgesi” or “Gecicik Koruma Belgesi”), available at the Turkish aliens authority

- Additionally when joining the spouse:
 - Proof of effective marriage
 - If one of the spouses was represented at the time of the marriage: special power of attorney – the power of attorney must state the full names of both spouses and must have been issued before the marriage contract is concluded
 - Extract from the family register / civil status register (if available in your home country) in which all family members are registered.
 - If one of the spouses was already married before: complete divorce decree of all marriages with legal force note or death certificate (if applicable)

- Additional required documents if children join:
 - Birth certificate/ proof of the identity of the parents
 - If one parent is deceased: death certificate



- If the child is a minor and will not join both parents with custody/ the parent with sole custody: a notarized declaration of consent of the parent not joining the child is required, in which his or her agreement to the visa application and the permanent relocation of the child to Germany is declared
- In case of the reunification of the parents to the underage child:
 - Birth certificate of the child/ proof of identity of the parents
- When getting married in Germany with subsequent permanent residence:
 - Certificate from the German registry office ("Standesamt") on the registration of the marriage, stating that all documents have been examined, including the planned date of the marriage and information on the latest date the marriage must take place.
- Additionally, in case of family reunification to the spouse / getting married in Germany:
 - Proof of basic knowledge of the German language, at least level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The A1 language certificate must be issued by a certified provider. In Turkey these are the Goethe-Institut "Start Deutsch 1" (www.goethe.de) and the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD) "Grundstufe Deutsch 1" (www.osd.at). The original language certificate must be presented. In the following exceptional cases you do not need an A1 language certificate. However, the exceptional cases must be proven by appropriate documents (e.g. medical certificates):
 - If the spouse has been granted asylum in Germany and the marriage already existed before the spouse fled to Germany
 - If the spouse has received refugee protection in Germany and the marriage already existed before the spouse fled to Germany
 - If the spouse has been granted subsidiary protection in Germany and the marriage already existed before the spouse fled to Germany
 - If the knowledge of German is obvious, i.e. obvious when applying at the visa office.
 - If the subsequent spouse is not able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of German due to a physical, mental or psychological illness or disability.
 - If it is not possible or unreasonable for the joining spouse due to special circumstances of the individual case to make efforts to acquire a basic knowledge of the German language prior to entry
 - If there is a recognizably low need for integration of the applying spouse due to high qualifications and possibly other language skills

Please note: The booking of an appointment does not constitute an application within the deadline in the sense of § 29 (2) AufenthG (timely notification). The Federal Foreign Office has set up an information portal on family reunification with persons entitled to protection here: <https://fap.diplo.de/webportal/mobile/index.html> (in German, English and Arabic). This allows the timely notification to be made conveniently online within the deadline.

Please fill out the application form on this website and present a printout at the counter during the interview.

In case of family reunification to family members who have a protection status in Germany:

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) will assist you free of charge with questions regarding the visa procedure and the completion of the documents. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to info.fap.tr@iom.int.

The submission of complete documents does not constitute a claim to the issue of a visa, but enables the visa office to check the legal requirements. In individual cases, further documents not mentioned on the information sheets may also be required. You will be informed about this after the application has been submitted and will be given a reasonable period of time to submit them.

Detailed information on the procedure, in particular on the further course of the procedure, the regular processing times and the form of the documents to be submitted can be found on the detailed information sheet for national visa applications by non-Turkish nationals on our website: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>