



Embassy  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Kathmandu

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## **Information for Visa Applicants for Family Reunion (Spouses)**

Spouses who intend to join their spouse residing in Germany or jointly move with their spouse to Germany may receive an entry visa valid up to 90 days that can be transferred into a residence permit by German Immigration Authorities after taking residence with the family member. It is not possible to change the purpose of the visa request after submitting the application.

### **Fees**

Visa fees are payable in Nepali Rupees. The fees are fixed in Euro (Currently 75 EUR); therefore the equivalent in Nepali currency may vary according to the exchange rate. The complete fee has to be paid upon application and will not be refunded in case the visa application is rejected.

Please note that visa applications of children younger than six years; spouses of German or European Union (EU) nationals and minor children and parents of minor German or EU nationals are processed free of charge.

### **Processing Time**

The minimum time to process the application for a visa for family reunion takes approx. 3 months, since your application has to be forwarded to the competent immigration authorities in Germany for final approval.

Please be aware that in most cases verification of documents is requested by the German Authorities.

### **Application**

Please note that visa applicants for Family Reunion will have to take an appointment for their application online via our Webpage.

Visa information by phone will be given from Monday to Friday between 2.00 and 3.00 pm

### **Application form and additional documentation**

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Please prepare two identical application sets consisting of originals and copies of the following documents.

All documents have to be provided in German or English language or together with an English translation.

The German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents.

Please note that incomplete applications will be rejected. Applications containing false statements or forged documents will also be rejected and forwarded to Nepali authorities for further investigation.

**Non-Nepali nationals residing in Nepal:**

A valid residence permit for Nepal is required.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Valid passport or travel document</b> with a validity of at least one more year, original and two copies. The passport must not be older than 10 years and must contain at least two empty pages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Application form &amp; declarations duly signed</b> (two sets) All questions have to be answered, incomplete forms cannot be accepted.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Citizenship certificate</b> , original and two copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Birth certificate</b> , original and two copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>School leaving certificate</b> including the date of birth, original and two copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Academic degree certificate</b> , if applicable, original and two copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of German knowledge (A1 level)</b> by an examination provider certified according to standard ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe); in Nepal at the moment only certificates by the Goethe Centre Kathmandu and VHS Bhaktapur Please note that - under certain circumstances - there are exemptions from this Requirement, please see below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3 passport photographs</b> according to biometric specifications, not older than 6 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of Health insurance</b> valid for Germany and covering at least the first three months of the stay in Germany, original and two copies (spouses and children for EU-nationals are exempted) has to be submitted before leaving to Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of your spouse's passport</b> (A4 size copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certificate of residence ("Meldebescheinigung")</b> of the spouse living in Germany, not older than 6 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy of spouse's residence permit for Germany</b> , if applicable

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of marriage</b> original and two copies If the marriage did not take place in Nepal or Germany, a marriage certificate with Apostille is required
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IF APPLICABLE: Divorce judgement</b> and decree of all former marriages of both spouses, if applicable German divorce judgement with „Rechtskraftvermerk“, original and two copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IF APPLICABLE: Certificate of death</b> of former spouse, original and two copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of the valid <b>employment contract</b> of the spouse living in Germany, mandatory if spouse is an EU citizen
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visa Fee</b> , equivalent to 75,- Euro
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Verification of documents</b>

**Legislation provides for exemptions to the need to furnish proof of basic knowledge of German:**

**(a) Exemptions based on the applicant:**

- when knowledge of German is obvious (= clearly identifiable knowledge of German when submitting application in person)
- in the case of university graduates with good employment and integration prospects
- when the planned stay in Germany is only temporary
- when re-entering Germany, i.e. if the applicant has previously lived in Germany with a permanent residence permit pursuant to the Residence Act
- if in the long term it is impossible for the applicant to learn a foreign language due to physical, intellectual or mental disability or illness

**(b) Exemptions based on the reference person of the principal person entitled:**

- if the spouse living in Germany is a national of one of the states listed in section 41 of the Ordinance Governing Residence, or enjoys freedom of movement in Germany, that is, nationals of a member state of the EU (other than Germany) or the EEA states Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein or Switzerland
- in the case of subsequent immigration to join experts, researchers and self-employed persons, if the spouse is in possession of an EU Blue Card, an ICT card, a mobile ICT card or a residence permit for certain researchers (section 18b (2) Residence Act (EU Blue Card), section 19 Residence Act (ICT card), section 19b Residence Act (mobile ICT card), section 18d Residence Act (research), section 18f Residence Act (mobile researchers))
- in the case of subsequent immigration to join highly skilled persons (section 18c (3) Residence Act) or self-employed persons (section 21 Residence Act) provided that the marriage predates the principal person entitled moving their main place of residence to the federal territory

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- if immediately prior to being granted a permanent settlement permit or an EU long-term residence permit the principal person entitled had a residence permit pursuant to section 18d Residence Act (research)
- in the case of subsequent immigration to join beneficiaries of protection, provided that the marriage predates the beneficiary moving their main place of residence to Germany

An additional exemption applies if, due to special circumstances, it is not possible or it is deemed unreasonable to expect the spouse to endeavour to acquire basic knowledge of the German language prior to entering the country.

This applies in particular if language courses are permanently not available in the relevant country or if attending such classes entails a major security risk and if other promising alternatives (for example, using books or online courses) to learn the language and proof thereof are not available.

If you believe that you satisfy the requirements for such an exemption, you must provide relevant proof of the existence of the reason for the exemption when submitting your application.

If you are not sure whether or not one of the exemptions applies to you or what proof is required, you can inquire by describing your situation in an email [visa@kath.diplo.de](mailto:visa@kath.diplo.de)

Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted. Submission of incomplete documentation or refusal to appear for a visa interview may result in the rejection of your application.

For further information please refer to [www.kathmandu.diplo.de](http://www.kathmandu.diplo.de)

**Please note that these are the minimum requirements. Additional documents may have to be presented on request. The regulations have been issued by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and are subject to change without prior notice.**

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