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Germany: Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

There is a German Embassy in Dhaka.

Address:

Diplomatic Enclave,

11 Madani Ave, Dhaka 1212.

Website: <https://dhaka.diplo.de/bd-en>

Visa fees:

Weblink:

<https://dhaka.diplo.de/blob/2076260/975b450aef7257628fd23b17d128f1e0/gebuehren-data.pdf>

Visa fees are payable in BDT only (may vary according to the Embassy's exchange rate). The fees are fixed in Euro and therefore, the equivalent in Bangladeshi currency may vary according to the exchange rate. The complete fee has to be paid upon application and will not be refunded even if the visa application is rejected.

Schengen Visa: including transit and airport transit 80.00 EUR children aged 6 – 11: 40.00 EUR

National Visa (visa with a validity of more than 90 days): 75.00 EUR children aged 0 – 17: 37.50 EUR Please note:

In all those cases, in which document verification is necessary, an additional fee of 24,000/- BDT is applicable.

The following persons will be exempted from Schengen Visa fees:

- Children under 6 years of age
- School students as well as accompanying teachers on a study or educational trip
- Guest scientists travelling to Germany for research
- Exhibitors at German trade fairs and exhibitions holding an original exhibitor's pass
- Spouses and minor children of German citizens as well as parents to minor German national
- EU nationals, provided they enjoy freedom of movement

The following persons will be exempted from National Visa fees (not document verification fee):

- Students receiving a scholarship from public funds
- Members of the diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organization in Germany
- Spouses and minor children of German citizens as well as parents to minor German nationals
- EU nationals, provided they enjoy freedom of movement

Types of visas:

Bangladeshi nationals or non-EU nationals need a visa in order to enter Germany.

Short stay (less than 90 days):

Schengen Visa (for business, trade fair, tourism, transit, medical etc. maximum of 90 days)

If you want to travel to Germany for a period of up to 90 days – for a visit, as a tourist, on business, or for medical treatment – you will need a Schengen visa. Schengen visa form: <https://videx.diplo.de/videx/desktop/index.html#start>

Long stay (more than 90 days):

(e.g. to attend university, work or join a family member in Germany)

Following are the types of visas for longer period of stay:

Weblink: <https://visa.diplo.de/en/#/vib/kurzinfo>

1. Work visa

a. Blue Card EU

If you have a recognized university degree, you can get a Blue Card EU if you already have a job offer that pays you 55.200 EUR before taxes per year. For physicians, engineers, natural scientists, mathematicians and IT-specialists, a yearly salary of 43.056 EUR is sufficient.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. Get your Blue Card EU from the local foreigners office after arrival in Germany.

General requirements:

- Filled [online application form](#)
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- university degree
- job offer that states your salary. Please ask your employer to complete this [form](#)

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>

- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your Blue Card at your local foreigners office after arrival

b. Work Visa - with a contract

If you already have a recognized qualification such as a university degree or vocational qualification, and you already have a contract, you can apply for a work visa. There is a fast-track procedure for skilled workers, if your employer provides you with a pre-approval from the local foreigners office in Germany.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany. You can also find job offers there.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. Get your residence permit at the local foreigners office after your arrival.

General requirements:

- Filled **online application form**
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Job offer
- if applicable: pre-approval for fast-track procedure for skilled workers
- proof that your qualification is recognized in Germany
- job offer that states your salary. Please ask your employer to complete this form

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa application form using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

c. Working with a qualification that is only partially recognized

If your vocational qualification is not fully recognized, you can get the extra qualifications in Germany while already working. Once your additional training is completed, you can get your qualification fully recognized and apply for a long term residence permit to work.

Please note that your foreign university degree could be considered vocational qualification in Germany.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. A residence permit to work and qualify will be issued for 18 months, in certain cases up to two years only. After that, you can get a residence permit to work.

General requirements:

- Filled **online application form**
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- German language skills (at least A2)
- Proof that extra training is necessary before completing the recognition procedure

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

d. Work visa to work as an IT specialist with work experience

To work in the IT sector in Germany, you do not need to have a recognized degree if you have been working in the IT sector elsewhere for at least three years within the last 7 years. You need a job offer in Germany that pays you 49.680 EUR before taxes or more.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. Get your residence permit from the local foreigners office after arrival in Germany.

General requirements:

- Filled [online application form](#)

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- job offer that states your salary
- knowledge of German (B1), exceptions are possible.
- proof of previous work experience in the IT sector

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

e. Job Seeker (academic)

With a Job Seeker visa you can stay for up to six months in Germany to find a job corresponding to your academic qualification. You need a recognized university degree. Once you find an adequate job, you can get a residence permit.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany. You can also find job offers there.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. You do not need a residence permit while looking for a job for up to 6 months.

General requirements:

- Filled **online application** form
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses.
- Academic qualification or university degree

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>

- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport

f. Job Seeker (non-academic)

With a Job Seeker visa you can stay for up to six months in Germany to find a job corresponding to your vocational qualification. You need to have completed a vocational training of at least two years that has been recognized in Germany. Once you find an adequate job, you can get a residence permit.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. You do not need a residence permit while looking for a job for up to six months.

General requirements:

- Filled **online application form**
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses.
- Adequate knowledge of German to work in your area (usually B1)
- Proof of recognition of your vocational training

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport

2. Vocational training visa:

a. Vocational training visa with a contract as a trainee or apprentice

You can learn a profession (vocational training) in Germany if you have a contract with a company as an apprentice and you speak German (level B1). You might also learn German first in Germany before starting your vocational training.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. Get your residence permit for vocational training from the local foreigners office after arrival in Germany. During professional training, trainees are permitted to work for up to ten hours per week.

General requirements:

- Filled **online application form**
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- German language skills (B1)
- contract for vocational training in a company

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

b. Vocational training visa to look for a company with a vocational training programme

You can enter Germany to find a company for your vocational training if you speak German (level B2) and you are younger than 25.

Visit www.make-it-in-germany.com for further information on living and working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. The vocational training seeker visa allows you to stay in Germany to look for vocational training for up to 6 months.

General requirements:

- Filled online application form
- Passport
- Biometric passport photo

- German language skills (B2)
- High School diploma or school leaving certificate
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

3. Visa for self-employed

a. Liberal Professions

If you wish to work self-employed in one of the liberal professions (science, art or education), you can get a visa if you have the funds for your project and your living expenses and if you have the permit from Germany to exercise that profession.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival you need to apply for your residence permit for freelance work at your local foreigners office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Proof of financial means to fund your project and your living expenses
- Proof of adequate provision for old age (retirement) if you are older than 45

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport

- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

b. Start a business

If you wish to start a business in Germany, you can get a visa if there is commercial interest or regional demand for your products and services, your business activity is creating jobs and you have secured financing for your business.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival you will get your residence permit for self-employment at your local foreigners office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Proof of financial means to set up your business
- Business plan
- Proof of adequate provision for old age (retirement) if you are older than 45

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

4. Study visa

a. Study visa with admission to a German university

If you wish to study in Germany and you are already admitted to a university, be it a direct general admission or an admission under certain conditions, you can apply for a study visa if you can prove that you have enough money to support yourself.

Find out more about studying in Germany on www.study-in-germany.de

How to get a residence permit?

You need a national visa to enter Germany. After arrival, you need to apply for a residence permit at the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled in **application form**
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses, visit <https://www.study-in-germany.de> to find out how
- Admission to a university in Germany

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa application form using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

b. Study visa without admission

If you wish to travel to Germany in order to apply for admission to a German university, you can get a study visa if you can prove that you have enough money to support yourself. Find out more about studying in Germany on www.study-in-germany.de

How to get a residence permit?

You need a national visa to enter Germany. After arrival, you need to apply for a residence permit at the local foreigners office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled in **application form**
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses, visit <https://www.study-in-germany.de> to find out how
- Proof of university entrance qualifications

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.

- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

c. Study with a prior language course or internship

You can apply for a study visa, if you can prove that you have enough money to support yourself.

Find out more about studying in Germany on www.study-in-germany.de

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival in Germany you have to apply for a residence permit with the aliens department that is responsible for your place of residence.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled in **application form**
- Admission for a preparatory language course or
- Admission for a preparatory internship
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses, visit <https://www.study-in-germany.de> to find out how

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

5. Visa for Research Purposes

a. Research visa – PhD

If you wish to get a PhD in Germany and you have already been accepted into a PhD programme, you can apply for a study visa if you can prove that you have enough financial means to cover your living expenses.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a national visa to enter Germany. After arrival, you need to apply for a residence permit at the local foreigners office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled in **application form**
- Proof that you can cover your living expenses, i.e. scholarship
- Proof of university entrance qualifications
- confirmation of admission into a PhD programme in Germany

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

b. Research visa (general)

You can apply for a visa to do research in Germany if you have a cooperation agreement with a university, private or public research institute in Germany. If you also qualify for a Blue Card, you can choose which residence permit you prefer to obtain.

Visit www.research-in-germany.org for further information

How to get a residence permit?

After entering Germany with a D-Visa, please apply for a residence permit as researcher

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Cooperation agreement with a public or private research institution

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa application form using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6. Visa to join a family member living in Germany

6.a Joining your partner or fiancé/e

6.a.i. Visa to marry a German national

You can get a visa for Germany if you wish to marry a German national, you have registered the wedding at a registry office in Germany and if both you and your fiancé/e are at least 18 years old. You need to prove that you have enough financial means cover your living expenses in Germany. You also need to have a basic knowledge of German (A1).

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After getting married you have to apply for your residence permit at the local foreigners office presenting your marriage certificate.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Registration of the wedding at a registry office in Germany
- Copy of your fiancé/e's German passport/identity card or certificate of naturalisation
- Proof of basic knowledge of German (A1)
- Proof of financial means to cover your living expenses

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>

- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.a.ii. Visa to marry a foreign national in Germany

You can get a visa to get married in Germany if you have registered the wedding at a registry office in Germany and if your foreign fiancé/e holds either a residence permit, a Blue Card EU, an ICT Card, a permanent settlement permit or a permit for permanent stay in the European Union. Both you and your fiancé/e must be at least 18 years old and you need to have a basic knowledge of German (A1). You need an adequate place to stay and enough financial means to cover your living expenses

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After getting married you have to contact the foreigners office at your place of residence to apply for a residence permit presenting your marriage certificate.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Registration of the wedding at a registry office in Germany
- Copy of your fiancé/e's residence permit
- Proof of basic knowledge of German (A1)
- Proof of housing and financial means to cover your living expenses

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.a.iii. Visa to join your German wife or husband

You can get a visa for family reunion if you are married to a German national and if you and your spouse are both at least 18 years old. You need to have a basic knowledge of German (A1).

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. Upon arrival in Germany you have to get a residence permit at the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Certificate of marriage
- Copy of your spouse's German passport/identity card or certificate of naturalisation
- Proof of basic knowledge of German (A1)

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.a.iv. Visa to join your wife or husband who is a national of an EU member state, the United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland

You can enter Germany if you are married to a national of an EU country, the United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland. You do not need to speak German. You have to prove enough financial means for living in Germany if your spouse is not working in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival in Germany you have to apply for a residence permit with the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo

- Filled **online application form**
- Certificate of marriage
- Copy of your spouse's passport

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.a.v. Visa to join your wife or husband who is a foreign national

You can get a visa for Germany if you are married to a foreign national who holds either a residence permit, a Blue Card EU, an ICT Card, a permanent settlement permit or a permit for permanent stay in the European Union and if you and your spouse are both at least 18 years old. Generally, you need to have at least basic German language skills (A1). No language skills are required if your spouse hold a Blue Card EU. You must have adequate accommodation and financial means to live in Germany.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. Upon arrival in Germany you must contact the local foreigners office to apply for a residence permit.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled in **application form**
- Legalised certificate of marriage
- Copy of your spouse's residence permit
- Proof of basic knowledge of German (level A1)
- Proof of adequate accommodation and financial means for your living expenses.

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>

- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.b. Joining your child

6.b.i. Joining a minor German child

You can get a visa for Germany if your child is younger than 18 years, a German national and if you have custody for your child.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival, you have to apply for a residence permit with the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- birth certificate or proof of parentage
- proof of custody for your child
- copy of a German identity card or the naturalization document of the German child

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.b.ii. Visa to join your minor child with EU/EEA nationality, the United Kingdom or Switzerland

If you have a minor child who is a national of an EU country, the United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, you can live with your child in Germany according to the EU law of free movement. You must personally and financially take care of your child, and be able to cover your living expenses.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival, you have to apply for a residence permit at the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- birth certificate or proof of parentage
- copy of your child's passport
- proof that you can financially support your child and cover your living expenses

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.b.iii. Visa to join your foreign adult child with EU/EEA, UK or Swiss nationality

If your child is older than 18 years and a national of another EU country, the United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland, you can move to Germany according to the EU law of free movement. Your child is financially responsible for you.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival in Germany you have to apply for a residence permit with the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- birth certificate of the child or proof of parentage
- copy of your child's passport

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.b.iv. Visit to join foreign refugee child

You can enter Germany if your child is without a parent in Germany, younger than 18 years and possesses asylum status, a refugee status or subsidiarian protection status in Germany

How to get a residence permit?

You need a visa to enter Germany. After your arrival in Germany you have to apply for a residence permit with the aliens department that is responsible for your place of residence.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- birth certificate or proof of parentage
- copy of the residence permit of your child

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa application form using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.c. Joining your parent

6.c.i. Visa for a child under 18 to join a German parent

The child can get a visa for Germany if he or she is under 18 and not married and one of the parents is a German national and permanently residing in Germany. The child does not need to speak German.

How to get a residence permit?

The child needs a national Visa first. After arrival, the child needs to apply for a residence permit from the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Birth certificate
- copy of your parent's German identity document or certificate of naturalisation

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in the country of the child's residence for additional requirements, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** for the child using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring the application form along with supporting documents for the child to the appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in the child's passport
- Apply for a residence permit at the local foreigners office after arrival

6.c.ii. Visa for a child under 16 to join foreign parent

The child can enter Germany if one of the parents or the parent who has the sole custody possesses a certain kind of residence permit and is permanently residing in Germany. The child does not need to speak German. Adequate living space and financial means are required.

How to get a residence permit?

The child needs a national visa first. After arrival, the child can apply for a residence permit at the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Birth certificate or proof of descent

- Parents' marriage certificate or (if not married) proof of custody
- Copy of your parent's residence permit

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.c.iii. Visa for a child between 16 and 18 to join a foreign parent

The child can get a visa for Germany if he or she is between 16 and 18 and if both parents or the parent with sole custody possesses a certain kind of residence permit and is permanently living in Germany. If the child is not entering Germany together with the parents, the child needs to have advanced German language skills (level C1 of the European Reference Frame). In certain cases, language skills are not necessary. Adequate living space and financial means are required.

How to get a residence permit?

To enter Germany, the child needs a national visa first. After arrival, the child needs to apply for a residence permit at the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Birth certificate
- Parent's marriage certificate or proof of sole custody
- Copy of your parent's residence permit

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in the country of residence of the child for additional requirements, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** for the child using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring the application form along with supporting documents for the child to the appointment

- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get the visa sticker in the child's passport
- Apply for a residence permit at the local foreigners office after arrival

6.c.iv. Visa for a child under 21 to join a parent who is a national of an EU member state, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland

The child is entitled to enter Germany if one of the parents is a national of an EU member state, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland and permanently residing in Germany. The child does not need to speak German.

How to get a residence permit?

To enter Germany, the child needs a national visa first. After arrival, the child can apply for a residence permit at the local office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Birth certificate or proof of descent
- Copy of the parent's EU/EWR passport or identification document

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa application form using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

6.c.v. Visa for a child above 21 to join a parent who is a national of an EU member state, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland

You can enter Germany if one of your parents is a national of an EU member state, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland, permanently residing in Germany and paying for you. You do not need to speak German.

How to get a residence permit?

You need a national visa first. After your arrival, you can apply for a residence permit at the local foreigners office.

General requirements:

- Passport
- Biometric passport photo
- Filled **online application form**
- Birth certificate or proof of descent
- Copy of your parent's EU/EWR passport or identification document

Next steps:

- Check the site of the German Embassy or Consulate General in your country of residence for additional requirements in your country, www.diplo.de/addresses, and book an appointment.
- Complete and print out the visa **application form** using <https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/>
- Bring your application form along with supporting documents with you to your appointment
- After approval from the Embassy or Consulate General, get your visa sticker in your passport
- Apply for your residence permit at your local foreigners office after arrival

Sample of passport photos:

<https://www.germany.info/blob/929404/6e3eee9fd4d86e16aaefe0e92d809332/visa-photo-examples-data.pdf>