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Family reunification Information for Syrian beneficiaries of protection in Germany



Any questions?

We're glad to be of assistance.

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You are a “beneficiary of protection” in Germany if you have been recognised as a refugee or as being entitled to asylum.

As a beneficiary of protection, you have the right to bring your family (husband/wife and minor, unmarried children or, if you are a minor, unmarried child, your parents) to Germany. Read the information below to find out how family reunification works.

1. You must be recognised as a refugee or as somebody entitled to asylum

You have been recognised as a beneficiary of protection in Germany. You have thus already completed this step.

2. You or your family must fill in a “timely notification” to prove you started the process in time.

This step does not apply if you were recognised as a beneficiary of protection more than 3 months ago, or if you are a minor, unmarried child and your parents are applying for subsequent immigration. Go directly to “Step 3: Apply for a visa”.

1. You must fill in a timely notification within 3 months of being recognised as a refugee (section 29 (2)(1) of the Residence Act).
2. Go to the web portal: www.familyreunion-syria.diplo.de
3. Click “Timely notification”.
4. Fill in the form. We need your personal details and the details of your husband/wife and minor children.
5. When you have filled in all the boxes, click the “continue” button at the end of the form. Print out the PDF file of the completed form. Your family must submit the printout when they go to their visa interview at the mission.



3. Apply for a visa

Your family has to do this. You may help them.

Once you have filled in your timely notification, your family has to apply for a visa. First of all, your family must book an interview appointment with the competent mission. Due to the large number of applicants, they may have to wait some time for an appointment. We apologise for this.

Your family must hand in the completed visa application form at their interview. You can help your family with the form by completing the application via our web portal and sending a printout of it to your family to sign.

1. Go to the web portal: www.familyreunion-syria.diplo.de
2. Click “Visa application”.
3. Fill in the entire application form. (Parents of minor, unmarried children may also use this form. After printing it, add your relationship to the applicant by hand.)
4. When you have filled in all the boxes, click the “continue” button at the end of the form. You can now save the completed form as a PDF file or print it out, and send it to your family by email or post.
5. Your family members must make an appointment at the competent German mission (Embassy or Consulate) to submit their visa applications. For more information about this, please visit: www.familyreunion-syria.diplo.de/informationen-familiennachzug
6. All family members must go to the mission in person for their appointment. They must take the following documents:
 - Printout of the “timely notification”
 - Completed and signed visa application
 - Passport
 - Proof (authenticated certificates) of family relationship to the beneficiary of protection in Germany
 - “Notification of recognition” from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
 - Residence permit of the beneficiary of protection resident in GermanyThe mission may require you to provide additional documents.