



SCHENGEN VISA - VISIT PURPOSE

*This information leaflet has been generated by the German Consulate in Dubai. It is valid for visa applications in the United Arab Emirates if Germany is your **main destination**. This leaflet stipulates the legal requirements and is carried out in cooperation with VFS Global to facilitate visa applications. It can be downloaded free of charge. Applicants are requested to read it carefully and observe the regulations as stated below – see I. till IV.*

I. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

		<u>Submitted</u>
1.	Application form – available also online - free of charge <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fully completed in English or German and signed and dated by the applicant himself (signed by both parents in case of minors, below the age of 18)	
2.	Passport <ul style="list-style-type: none">Validity minimum three months from the date of expiry of the requested visa.Signed by bearerPassport not older than 10 years (issued in the last 10 years)At least two free “visa pages”Undamaged pictures securely affixed with/to passportPrevious passport if applicableIMPORTANT: valid UAE residence permit and for electronic UAE residence visa holders, a printout from https://smartservices.icp.gov.ae/echannels/web/client/default.html#/fileValidity of both the electronic residence visa and Emirates ID. (valid at least three months from the date of expiry of the requested visa / intended end of journey)	
3.	Two recent biometric passport sized photographs (3.5x4,5 cm) Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">NEW! Should NOT be older than 6 months.A frontal view of the face covering 70-80% (32-26mm) of the photo.A uniform and white background.Clear facial features and eyes – not covered by hair or glasses frame.Head coverings are only accepted for religious reasons.	
4.	Photocopies <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 passport copy of pages containing personal data1 copy of the signature page (signed by passport holder)1 copy of UAE residence permit / visaCopies of previous Schengen visaFor GCC Nationals- Copy of valid Emirates ID card	
5.	Overseas medical insurance Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Valid for the entire duration of the requested visa and for all Schengen countries.Minimum coverage 30,000 € and repatriation. (Medical insurances of credit cards are <u>not</u> accepted)Conditions must be stated either on insurance document or on separate confirmation letter	
6.	Flight Reservation <ul style="list-style-type: none">flight reservation	
7.	Proof of Visit / Accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Formal obligation letter by the host in Germany giving the guarantee to cover all costs, also in accordance with §§ 66-68 of the Law of Residence, original (no older than 6 months) and in copy sent to the applicant; and / or	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalized original invitation letter of the host in Germany with full address giving details whether travel expenses of applicant (e.g. accommodation, meals, and travel costs) are covered and showing the purpose of the intended visit, including travel itinerary. • If applicable: travelling in company of / visiting a close relative, evidence of relationship (e.g. copy of marriage certificate, birth certificate) should be submitted <u>and</u> if relative lives in the UAE, copy of resident permit is required 	
8.	Questionnaire for visa applications with purpose of visiting friends and family (available at our external service provider VFS)	
9.	Letter from local employer / sponsor (NOL) including name, postal address and telephone number of sponsor/company , with details regarding applicant's working position, starting date of employment and salary and timeframe of work leave (expected date to resume duties) and purpose of travel. Additionally valid trade license copy for investor/partner of company. In case of dependents- copy of sponsor's valid passport and UAE residence visa to be attached to letter from sponsor.	
10.	Additional documents for minors below the age of 18 (if applicable) – proving legal parenthood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy and <u>German or English translation</u> of either birth certificate / proof of adoption / custody decree if parents are divorced / death certificate of parent (Consulate reserves the right to request the original document at a later stage) • Documents need to be translated into either German or English. “Letter of consent” from parents, including passport copies and valid UAE residence visa copies of both parents/ legal guardian	
11.	Proof of financial means of the applicant in the UAE , e.g. personal bank statements of at least the last 3 months before application, personal property, assets etc.	

❖ **NOTE:** Special rules might apply for some nationals which passports are not recognized by the German authorities. You might be requested to come personally to the Visa Section of the Consulate. The Visa processing time in such cases varies.

II. INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE VISA PROCESS

- Applications can be filled using the online VIDEX application www.videx.diplo.de Applicants are requested to thoroughly check all entries in their written application (paper and/or the electronic “VIDEX”) prior to submission.
- Responsibility for all given information lies within the applicant himself.
- Only complete applications can be accepted; non-submission of necessary documentation may lead to refusal of visa application.
- All visa fees must be paid upon submission of the above in cash (AED) only. The application, passport and visa fee will be forwarded to the German Consulate within one working day after submission. The service fee remains with VFS Global.
- The processing time at the Consulate due to necessary and obligatory legal requirements **takes up to 15 days**. Applicants are requested to apply well in advance, but – due to legal requirements - not more than 180 days prior to the intended date of journey. **Applicants are also kindly requested to refrain from status inquiries.**
- During the whole processing time the passport has to remain with the German Consulate. Passports can only be withdrawn if a written request by the applicant himself is presented to the Consulate. Consequently, the application will be cancelled / withdrawn and the passport returned via VFS Global within 2 working days.
- False or falsified documents, incl. fake bookings, will lead to the refusal of visa and /or further consequences.
- **The German Consulate Dubai reserves the right to ask for additional documents and /or call applicant for an interview.**