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Residence permit for the purpose of studying

Issuance and extension of a residence permit for the purpose of studying

Prerequisites

- **Study place**
You must be enrolled or have conditional approval for studying in order to be issued a residence permit.
- **A personal interview is required**
- **Main residence in Berlin**

Documents required

- **Valid passport**
- **1 current biometric photo**
(https://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf)
35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background
- **Form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit)**
Only required for first-time application
- **Proof of secure livelihood**
 - For the initial issue: e.g. blocked account (Sperrkonto) at a German Bank with 10,032.00 euros / submission of a declaration of commitment by a third party on an official form / scholarship / notarized declaration from parents securing the livelihood for the duration of the studies with proof of the income of the parents in the last six months
 - For the extension: bank statements of the last six months
- **Health insurance**
Proof of a secure livelihood must also include sufficient health insurance. Those with statutory health insurance are sufficiently insured. Those with private health insurance must consider the type and extent of their health insurance. For more information, please read the leaflet "Information on adequate health insurance".
- **Certificate of enrolment or conditional approval for studying**
- **Proof of main residence in Berlin**
 - Certificate of registration at the main residence or
 - lease and written confirmation of occupancy from the landlordMore on the topic in the section "More information"

Forms

- **Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, English, French, Italian**
(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen1-antrag_engl_frz_ital-112021.pdf)
- **Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Greek, Turkish, Vietnamese**

(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen2-antrag_griech_tuerk_viet-112021.pdf)

- **Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian**

(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen3-antrag_span_port_russ-112021.pdf)

- **Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Serbian, Bosnian**

(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen4_-antrag_serb_bos-112021_final.pdf)

- **Leaflet "Information on adequate health insurance"**

(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f400721-information_f_r_studierende_zur_krankenversicherung___englisch.pdf)

Fees

- For the first issuance: 100.00 euros
- For each extension: 93.00 euros

Turkish nationals (for first issuance as well as for extension)

- Up to the age of 24 years: 22.80 euros
- From the age of 24 years: 37.00 euros

For scholarship holders: Free of charge (only on a scholarship from German public funds, a German foundation or a program financed by the EU)

Legal basis

- **Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG) § 16b Abs. 1**

(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0275)

Average time to process request

Around 5–6 weeks

A personal visit four to six weeks before the existing temporary residence title expires is best. If possible you should book an appointment for this.

More information

- **Certificate of registration at the main residence (Meldebestätigung)**

(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/>)

- **Example: confirmation of occupancy from the landlord**

(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zentrale-einwohnerangelegenheiten/_assets/mdb-f402544-20161102_wohnungsgeberbestaetigung.pdf)

- **Information from the German Federal Foreign Office on the blocked account (Sperrkonto)**

(<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/sperrkonto/388600>)

Responsible authorities

This service can only be taken advantage of in the Berlin Immigration Office (Landesamt für Einwanderung - LEA) at Keplerstrasse.