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Permanent residence card for family members of citizens entitled to freedom of movement from the EU (except Germany) and the EEA

Permanent residence card for family members of citizens entitled to freedom of movement from the EU (except Germany) and the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) after (generally) 5 years of residency.

Please note: Family members of Germans do not receive a residence card in accordance with the Freedom of Movement Act but are entitled to a residence permit in accordance with the Residence Act if they themselves are not EU or EEA citizens (see under 'More information').

Prerequisites

- **5 years of the right to freedom of movement exercised**
Family members of EU or EEA citizens receive a permanent right of residence when
 - they have resided legally for an uninterrupted period of five years with the EU or EEA citizen in Germany
 - and a right of freedom of movement (i.e. as an employee/self-employed person/ with sufficient means of subsistence) has been exercised throughout this time.Legal residency alone, however, is insufficient.
- **Applicant is not an EU or EEA citizen**
Applicant is not a national of an EU member state or of Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway
- **The family member is a EU or EEA citizen**
The family member is a national of an EU member state (except Germany) or of Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway
- **Main residence in Berlin**
- **Personal appearance by appointment is required**

Documents required

- **Antrag auf Ausstellung einer Daueraufenthaltskarte (Application for the issue of a permanent residency permit)**
- **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 Ausstellung einer Daueraufenthaltskarte" (filled out)**
- **Residence card (Aufenthaltskarte) or residence permit**
- **If you haven't lived in Berlin for 5 years: Extended information from the population register**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120732/>)

You must prove your continuous residence in Germany. The easiest way of doing this is with a extended registration certificate. You can also use tax assessments or similar documents.

Note: If you have not been living in Berlin continuously for 5 years, please provide proof of your previous place of residence(s) in Germany.

- **Proof of the right to free movement (for the last 5 years)**

- employees: current certificate from the employer stating the type and duration of employment
- self-employed workers: business registration, tax number, current tax demand
- non-employed persons: proof of health insurance and means of subsistence

Additional documents may also be required.

- **Proof of main residence in Berlin**

- Certificate of registration at the main residence **or**
- lease and written confirmation of occupancy from the landlord

Forms

- **Antrag auf Ausstellung einer Daueraufenthaltskarte (Application for the issue of a permanent residency permit)**

(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f403267-labo_4330_m_antrag_daueraufenthaltsbesch_f_r_unionsb_rger_antrag_daueraufenthaltskarte_angaben_aufenthaltskarte_f_drittstaatsangeh_rige_familienang.pdf)

Fees

- From the age of 24 years: 37.00 euros
- Until the age of 24 years: 22.80 euros

Legal basis

- **Freizügigkeitsgesetz/EU (FreizügG/EU) § 4a**

(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_freiz_gg_eu/englisch_freiz_gg_eu.html#p0052)

More information

- **Bescheinigung über die Anmeldung einer Wohnung (Meldebestätigung) (Dienstleistung)**

(<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)

- **Daueraufenthaltsbescheinigung für EU- und EWR-Bürger (Dienstleistung)**

(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/324284/standort/121885/>)

- **Niederlassungserlaubnis für Familienangehörige von Deutschen oder Ausländern (außer EU/EWR) (Dienstleistung)**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/121864/standort/121885/en/>)