

Residence permit for spouses, parents and children of German citizens

Issuance or extension of a residence permit for the

- * Spouses
 - * Same sex life partners,
 - * Parents and
 - * Children
- of German citizens.

Note:

You already have such a residence permit for 3 years? Then please inform yourself here: [[<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/327012/standort/121885/Information>]] on a permanent residence permit for spouses, parents and children of German citizens]]

Prerequisites

- In-person visit
 - * For a recognized marriage or registered same-sex civil partnership, the personal interview of both spouses / partners is required.
 - * In the case of minors, the personal interview of the family (parents with child) is required.
- Of majority of both spouses or same sex life partners
 - Both spouses or same-sex partners must have completed their 18th birthday.
- Simple German language skills
 - The foreign spouse or same-sex partner usually has to have basic German language skills.
- Main residence in Berlin
 - A second home in Berlin is not sufficient.

Documents required

- Application form (filled out)
 - See the ?Forms? section.
 - Please fill in one form for each person who wishes to apply for a residence permit.
 - (not necessary for the extension of the residence permit)
- Valid passport
 - A passport must be submitted for each member of the family. For German spouses / same sex civil partners, the personal identity card (Personalausweis) is also sufficient.
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Kinderausweis (Child's identity card)

For German children, a children's ID (Kinderausweis) is required. (if available)

1 current biometric photo

The photograph must be current. It must also fulfill the photograph requirements for electronic passports. The photo sample page (Foto-Mustertafel) [http://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf] of the German Federal Printing Office (Bundesdruckerei) includes the individual requirements.

Marriage certificate/ partnership certificate

For spouses or same sex civil partners (not required for the extension of the residence permit)

Birth certificate for underage children

Not required for the first application of parents or children of German citizens

Certificate regarding legal custody

A certificate regarding legal custody must always be presented if

* the foreign father is not married to the child's mother and the residence permit application affects care and custody

or

* an under-age, foreign child applies for a residence permit and one of the parents is not resident in Germany.

Proof of recognition of paternity (Vaterschaftsanerkennung)

A paternity recognition must always be presented if the parents are not married under the German law (not required for the extension of the residence permit).

For all foreign documents: translation, possibly with an additional apostil or confirmation of authenticity

Please provide an authenticated translation of all foreign documents. Depending on your country of origin, you may also need an apostil or confirmation of authenticity (issued by a German consular official) for your document(s). You can find out more about this at the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) [http://www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/Vertretung/konsularinfo/de/05/Urkundenverkehr__Allgemein/__Urkundenverkehr.html], for example.

Confirmation from the Youth Welfare Office (Jugendamt)

If the foreign father of a German child applies for a residence permit without being accompanied by the child's mother, confirmation (not older than 14 days) is required from the Youth Welfare Office (Jugendamt) regarding the degree of contact he has with his child.

Current certificate of school attendance

For children who are required to attend school, no matter if they have the German or a foreign citizenship. The certificate must not be older than 14 days.

Language certificate (Only required for the foreign spouse / same sex

civil partner)

An A1 language certificate (about simple knowledge of the German language) must be submitted.

- All certificates showing participation in the integration (Only in case of extension).

If you were required to attend an integration course by the Registration Office for Foreigners you have to show all certificates showing participation in the integration course.

- Proof of main residence in Berlin

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

Forms

- the form ?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/_asets/mdb-f72301-labo_agen1__antrag_engl_frz_ital_03_2017.pdf
- the form ?Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit - in German, Greek, Turkish, Serbo-Croatian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/mdb-f72304-labo_agen2__antrag_griech_tuerk_sk_03_2017.pdf
- the form ?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/_asets/mdb-f72307-labo_agen3__antrag_span_port_russ_03_2017.pdf

Fees

The following fees are assessed based on the actual technical effort when extending the residence permit.

For the first issuance of the residence permit:

- * Adults: 56.00 to 100.00 euros
- * Minors: 28.00 to 50.00 euros
- * Turkish citizens: a maximum of 28.80 euros

For the extension of the residence permit:

- * Adults: 49.00 to 96.00 euros
- * Minors: 24.50 to 48.00 euros
- * Turkish citizens: a maximum of 28.80 euros

Free of charge when presenting current proof of receiving benefits according to SGB II or XII or the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act.

Legal basis

- Section 28 Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG
http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0628

Average time to process request

To ensure timely renewal of your current visa or residence permit an appointment should be made 4-6 weeks before the expiry date.

More information

- Certificate of registration at the main residence (Meldebestätigung)
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/>
- Example: confirmation of occupancy from the landlord
http://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zentrale-einwohnerangelegenheiten/_assets/mdb-f402544-20161102_wohnungsgeberbestaetigung.pdf

Responsible authorities

You can only make use of this service at the

Foreigners Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) of the State Administration Authority (Landesamt für Bürger- und Ordnungsangelegenheiten),

at the Berlin-Tiergarten site, Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24.

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