

Responsible authority:

You should register your intent to marry at the registry office of the borough where one of you has a main or second residence.

You can find all information on the locations and opening hours of Berlin's registry offices (in German) here:



<https://service.berlin.de/standorte/standesaemter>



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Getting married

Once your local registry office confirms that you both meet the requirements to marry, you can get married at any registry office in Germany within the next six months. Contact your chosen registry office directly to schedule your wedding. You have the option to involve up to two witnesses. On the day of your wedding, both of you and your interpreter and witnesses, if any, must show a valid passport or identity card.

Marriage certificates

You will receive your marriage certificates immediately after your marriage ceremony takes place.

You can purchase the following documents:

- Marriage certificate in German
- International marriage certificate in multiple languages
- Certified copy of the marriage registry entry

The fee is €12 for each of these certificates and €6 for each additional certificate of the same kind issued at the same time.



**Congratulations on
your engagement!**

How to quickly register
your intent to marry

You can find further information
(in German) online:



<https://www.berlin.de/standesamt/ehe/>



Registering your intent to marry

The first step in getting married is registering your intent to marry, which you should do at the registry office of the borough where the main or second residence for you or your partner is located. You can register no earlier than six months in advance of your desired wedding date. A registration fee will be due. If you are unable to attend your registration appointment in person, your partner must bring a completed authorization form from you.

You can find it here
(in German):



<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/318961/>

Required documents

Original documents are required. A certified translation is needed for any relevant document not issued in German.

The specified documents are required separately for each of you. In certain cases, other documents not listed in this flyer may be necessary.

Documents required in all cases:

- **Valid passports or German identity cards for both partners**
- **Certified copy of birth registry entries for both partners (issued max. six months previously)**
- **Registration certificate (issued max. 14 days previously) indicating the marital status of any partner(s) whose main place of residence is outside Berlin**

You were previously married or a partner in a registered civil union:

You must present evidence that any former marriage or civil union has ended. Depending on the reason, this evidence could be:

- Marriage certificate or copy of the marriage record entry noting that the marriage has been dissolved
- Civil union certificate or copy of the civil union record entry noting that the civil union has been dissolved
- Marriage certificate and final divorce decree
- Civil union certificate and final decree of its dissolution
- Marriage / civil union certificate and death certificate

If your prior marriage was dissolved in another country, it may be necessary to have the relevant state court in Germany recognize the foreign decree. If you have changed your name since your last marriage / civil union was dissolved, you will also need:

- Proof of your current name or change of name certificate

You and your partner have children together:

Additional documents required:

- Each child's birth certificate
- Acknowledgement of paternity, if applicable
- Custody decree, if applicable

You are a naturalized citizen of Germany or a late ethnic German resettler:

Additional documents required:

- Naturalization certificate, if applicable
- Repatriation certificate or resettler registration card, if applicable
- Proof of your current name, if applicable

You are a foreign national:

A personal consultation is required.