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Residence permit for a foreign child born in Germany - Issuance

Initial issuance of a residence permit for a foreign child

- born in Germany and
- where at least one parent holds a valid residence title

Prerequisites

- **A personal interview is required**

The interview should, if possible, take place by appointment.

- **Ex officio - Issuance at a Citizens Registration Office (Bürgeramt)**

The residence permit for the child can be issued by any Civil Office (Bürgeramt) in Berlin if the following requirements are met:

- Both parents (in the case of shared parental responsibility) or the parent with sole parental responsibility are in possession of a valid residence title when the child is born.
- The residence title (residence permit, EU Blue Card, settlement permit, EC long-term residence permit, right of residence or unlimited residence permit) of the parents or parent with sole parental responsibility must have been issued by the Berlin Immigration Office.
- The child has their own passport.

- **On application - Issuance at the Berlin Immigration Office**

The residence permit for the child must be applied for at the Berlin Immigration Office if one of the following reasons applies: .

- Only one parent (in the case of joint parental responsibility) is in possession of a valid residence title when the child is born (see above).
- The child does not have their own passport, but is entered in a parent's passport.

- **Birth in Germany**

The child must have been born in the Federal territory and registered in Berlin together with the parents or the parent with rights of custody.

Documents required

- **The child's passport**

The child must either possess its own valid passport or be registered in the passport of a parent.

- **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

- **Certificate of birth**

- **Passports of the parents**

Fees

- 50.00 euros
- For a child with Turkish citizenship: 22.80 euros

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

Legal basis

- **Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG) § 33**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/__33.html)

Average time to process request

about 4 to 5 weeks

Hinweise zur Zuständigkeit

You can generally have this service carried out at any Berlin Civil Office (Bürgeramt), as long as the following requirements are met:

- Both parents (in the case of shared parental responsibility) or the parent with sole right of custody are in possession of a valid residence title when the child is born.
- The residence title (residence permit, EU Blue Card, settlement permit, EC long-term residence permit, right of residence or unlimited residence permit) of the parents or parent must have been issued by the Berlin Immigration Office.
- The child has their own passport.

In all other cases: Berlin Immigration Office.