

Permanent settlement permit (general)

Issue of a permanent settlement permit in accordance with different legal bases

The following cases of residence are subject to different requirements:

- * persons recognised as being entitled to asylum and refugees
- * foreign graduates of German universities
- * family members of German nationals
- * EU Blue Card holders
- * children (older than 16)
- * self-employed persons

Please refer to the services listed in the grey column on the right (?Related Services?)

Prerequisites

- Application in writing

Please file an application with the Foreigners' Registration Office. You will either receive an invitation for a personal interview or a notification of charges.

Please enclose with your application a copy of the documents specified in the section ?Documents required?.

- Possession of a residence permit for 5 years

The residence permit must be issued for

- cohabitation with a foreign member of the family,
- gainful employment,
- independent or freelance activities, or
- on humanitarian grounds.

If your residence permit has been issued on humanitarian grounds, periods of asylum proceedings may be counted. The periods in which you only hold a certificate of suspension of deportation do not count as periods of stay.

A permanent settlement permit cannot be issued to persons who hold a residence permit issued on humanitarian grounds pursuant to § 24, § 25 subs. 4 s. 1, § 25 subs. 4a s. 1 or § 25 subs. 4b s. 1 Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG) [German Residence Act].

- Sufficient knowledge of German

You must have an adequate command of the German language (level B 1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

If you were in possession of either a residence permit or a residence authorisation on 31/12/2004, you only have to demonstrate basic knowledge of the German language (level A 1) to be granted a permanent settlement permit.

<http://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/sprachniveau.php>

- Basic knowledge of the legal and social system and living conditions in Germany
- Secured means of support from own income

You may not receive social assistance benefits from a Jobcenter or the Social Welfare Office (e.g. scale-II unemployment benefits or income support).

The proofs of income may also be provided by the spouse or same-sex partner in the event of marital or civil partnership cohabitation.

Old-age provision

You must furnish proof of having paid compulsory or voluntary contributions to the statutory German Pension Fund for at least 60 months, or of entitlement to comparable benefits by another insurance company.

The proofs of entitlement to pension schemes may also be provided by the spouse or same-sex partner in the event of marital or civil partnership cohabitation.

Sufficient health insurance

Secured means of support include an adequate health insurance for you and the members of your family:

- If you have a statutory health insurance, you are adequately insured.
- If you have a private health insurance, please make sure that type and scope of your health insurance are adequate.
- For more information, please read the Leaflet on the Health Insurance (under "Forms").

No criminal record

Even fines may prevent the granting of a permanent settlement permit.

Main residence in Berlin

Documents required

Valid passport

1 current biometric photo

35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background

http://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf

Form "Antrag auf Erteilung einer Niederlassungserlaubnis/Erlaubnis zum Daueraufenthalt-EU"

Proof of income

Proof of sufficient resources to sustain oneself may also be provided by the spouse or same-sex partner (see "Prerequisites").

In the case of employees:

- contract of employment
- current certificate issued by the employer (not older than 14 days),
- salary statements for the last 6 months, and
- certificate issued by the pension insurance institution

In the case of freelancers and self-employed persons:

- completed audit report together with the documents listed therein, e.g. extract from the Commercial Register
- The audit report must be completed by a tax consultant, auditor or tax agent.
- last tax assessment notice

In the case of pensioners:

- notice of pension entitlement

In the case of disability or reduced ability to earn a living:

- notice of pension entitlement on account of disability or reduced ability to earn a living, or

- recent expert opinion by the German Federal Employment Agency [Bundesagentur für Arbeit], or

- qualified medical certificate

Health insurance

* If you are covered by *statutory* health insurance, a current confirmation of health insurance coverage from your provider, or

* if you are insured with a *private* health insurance company, the policy and proof of contributions paid (e.g. statements of account).

Lease or proof of home ownership

Proofs of living space and of monthly rent or cost of housing of own property (house or apartment) have to be supplied.

Certificates showing participation in the integration course (if available)

* ?Integration Course Certificate? about the successful participation in the integration course

* Certificate of the results obtained in the final tests

The certificates facilitate the examination of the application. You can furnish proof of an adequate command of the German language as well as of your basic knowledge of the legal and social system, but also other things when appearing in person.

Old-age provision

* Pension information notice issued by the German Pension Fund, or

* proof of entitlement to comparable benefits by another insurance or pension institution

The proofs of entitlement to pension schemes may also be provided by the spouse or same-sex partner.

Proof of the receipt of other benefits

Do you receive any child benefit, child benefit supplement, parental benefit, care benefit or similar benefits?

If yes, please submit proof thereof (e.g. notice).

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 Erteilung einer Niederlassungserlaubnis/Erlaubnis zum Daueraufenthalt-EU

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/mdb-f86105-labo_4323_antrag_auf_erteilung_der_ne___da_eu.pdf

Audit report form (Prüfungsbericht) for entrepreneurs, self-employed persons and freelancers

http://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_ass

ets/mdb-f78234-bis_pr__fungsbericht.doc

□ Information on adequate health insurance

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f131960-labo_4326_merkblatt_krankenversicherungsschutz_05.13__engl._.pdf

Fees

- * For the issue of the permanent settlement permit: 113.00 euros.
- * If the application must be rejected: 56.50 euros.
- * For Turkish citizens: a maximum of 28.80 euros.

Legal basis

- Section 9 para. 2 Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG
http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0100
- Section 26 para. 4 Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG
http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0601

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

Information on this location

Berlin Immigration Office, Friedrich-Krause-Ufer

Address

Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24
13353 Berlin

Current information on this location

Due to the pandemic spread of the corona virus, the service is restricted until

further notice.

In order to protect against the risk of infection we have switched to processing customer applications online and in writing.

Since 4th May 2020 we serve customers who registered online on our website. Please note the current information on our website.

Sonstige Hinweise zum Standort

Photo booth and copier (charge) are located at the cashier (house A, first floor).

Barrier-free access

This facility is wheelchair accessible.

Handicapped parking space available.

A wheelchair-accessible elevator is available.

A wheelchair-accessible WC is available.

Elevators in the houses A and C

Opening hours

Monday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Tuesday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Wednesday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Thursday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Friday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Information for customers with an appointment

*Please note the

[[<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en/residence/artikel.933309.en.php>|current information on our website]].*

Public transportation

S-Bahn S 41/42 (Westhafen)

U-Bahn U 9 (Amrumer Str.)

Bus 123, 142, M27

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Payment methods

You can pay in cash or with a debit card (Girocard) (with PIN) at this location.

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