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# Residence permit for attending a language course

Issuance of a residence permit for attending a language course which is not for the preparation of studying. The residence permit **can** be issued for the maximum of one year.

## Prerequisites

- **Intensive language course**

A residence permit for learning the German language can only be issued for the participation in an intensive language course.

An intensive language course requires that its duration is limited from the start, and generally comprises daily lessons (a minimum of 18 lesson-hours per week) and directed towards acquiring comprehensive German language skills. Night and weekend courses do not meet these requirements.

- **Main residence in Berlin**
- **A personal interview is required**

## Documents required

- **Valid passport**

- **1 current biometric photo**

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

- **Form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (filled out)**

- **Proof of intensive language course**

- Certification of the language school over a booked language course of at least 3 months
- Contract with the language school

- **Health insurance (insurance card)**

Any statutory health insurance will do. Travellers' health insurance will also suffice for the duration of the language course.

- **Proof of secure livelihood**

- Blocked account (Sperrkonto) at a German Bank with more than 11,959.00 Euros (current amount in the year 2023) or
- Submission of a declaration of commitment by a third party on an official form (Verpflichtungserklärung) or
- Notarized declaration from parents securing the livelihood for the duration of the studies with proof of the income of the parents in the last six months

- **Proof of main residence in Berlin**

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

More on the topic in the section "More information".

## Forms

- **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/\\_assets/lea-agen1-antrag\\_engl\\_frz\\_ital-112021.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen1-antrag_engl_frz_ital-112021.pdf))

- **Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Greek, Turkish, Vietnamese**  
([https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/\\_assets/lea-agen2-antrag\\_griech\\_tuerk\\_viet-112021.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen2-antrag_griech_tuerk_viet-112021.pdf))
- **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/\\_assets/lea-agen3-antrag\\_span\\_port\\_russ-112021.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen3-antrag_span_port_russ-112021.pdf))
- **Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, Serbian, Bosnian**  
([https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/\\_assets/lea-agen4\\_-antrag\\_serb\\_bos-112021\\_final.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/lea-agen4_-antrag_serb_bos-112021_final.pdf))

## Fees

- 100.00 euros

Turkish nationals (for first issuance as well as for extension)

- Up to the age of 24 years: 22.80 euros
- From the age of 24 years: 37.00 euros

## Legal basis

- **Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG) § 16f Abs. 1**  
([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch\\_aufenthg/englisch\\_aufenthg.html#p0346](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0346))

## Average time to process request

Around 5–6 weeks

A personal visit four to six weeks before the existing temporary residence title expires is best. If possible you should book an appointment for this.

## More information

- **Certificate of registration at the main residence (Meldebestätigung)**  
(<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](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zentrale-einwohnerangelegenheiten/_assets/mdb-f402544-20161102_wohnungsgeberbestaetigung.pdf))
- **Information from the German Federal Foreign Office on the blocked account (Sperrkonto)**  
(<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/sperrkonto/388600>)

## **Responsible authority**

This service can only be taken advantage of in the Berlin Immigration Office (Landesamt für Einwanderung - LEA) at Keplerstrasse.

## Information on this location

LEA, Keplerstr.

### Address

Keplerstraße 2  
10589 Berlin

### Mailing address

Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24  
13353 Berlin

### Contact

Telephone: 90269-4000

Fax: 90269-4099

Internet: <https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en>

Contact form: <https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/ueber-uns/kontakt/>

## Information on the address of this location

**The postal address differs from the address of the location.**

Therefore, please always send letters to:

Landesamt für Einwanderung, Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24, 13353 Berlin.

## Barrier-free access



[Explanation of symbols](#)

## Opening hours

Monday: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (by appointment only )

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (by appointment only )

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (by appointment only)

## Additional information

- Fee payments can also be made by credit card (VISA, Mastercard and Maestro).
- Photo booth available on ground floor. Photos cost 5 euros. Please pay appropriately **cash** with coins or a 5-euro note (no change or card payment possible at the photo booth).

## Payment options

Cash and girocard (with PIN) (formerly EC card) can be used for payment at the location.

## Public transportation

### S-Bahn

0.5km [S+U Jungfernheide Bhf](#)  
S41, S45, S46, S42

### U-Bahn

0.1km [U Mierendorffplatz](#)  
U7

0.5km [S+U Jungfernheide Bhf](#)  
U7

### Bus

0.1km [U Mierendorffplatz](#)  
N7, M27

0.2km [Keplerstr.](#)  
M27, N7

### Train

0.5km [S+U Jungfernheide Bhf](#)  
RB10, RB14, RB21, RE2, RE4, RE8