

Residence permit for foreigners with a long-term residence in an EU member state

Foreigners who are entitled to possess the legal status of a long-term resident in an EU member state will be granted a residence permit if their stay within the territory of the Federal Republic shall last longer than three months.

Foreigners entitled to long-term residence are those who hold a residence permit (under EU Directive 2003/109/EG of 25.11.2003) bearing the designation "permanent residence EG" or "permanent residence EU" in the respective official language of the issuing EU member state.

Excluded from this are holders of a residence title issued by Great Britain, Denmark and Ireland, since these EU member states do not apply the corresponding EU directive 2003/109/EG dated 25.11.2003.

The general prerequisites for issuing a German residence permit, such as a secure livelihood, apply without restriction.

The residence permit allows gainful employment dependent upon the predominant purpose for which the residence shall serve (e.g. studies, employment, self-employed activity). The §§ 16-21 of the residence law shall be applied analogously.

Prerequisites

- The legal status of a person with long-term residence entitlement in another EU member state
 - * The right to claim a residence permit exists as a matter of principle only then when in another EU member state a residence permit has already been issued (pursuant to the EU directive 2003/109/EG dated 25.11.2003) bearing the wording "permanent residence EG" or "permanent residence EU" in the respective official language.
 - * As a rule, a temporary residence permit without this additional note is insufficient.
 - * Only in exceptional cases can the status of long-term residence entitlement be proved by written confirmation issued by the competent authorities of the other EU member state. The residence permit may only be granted on a discretionary basis.
- Main residence in Berlin
- A personal interview is required
 - The interview should, if possible, take place by appointment.

Documents required

- Valid passport with long-term residence ("permanent residence EU" or "permanent residence EG") of the other EU member state
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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

Proof of Income; original

e.g.

* lease,

* for students: escrow account at a German Bank or submission of a declaration of commitment by a third party on an official form,

* bank statements of the last 3 months

Documentation regarding the intended purpose of stay (original)

e.g. certificate of enrolment, employment etc.

Health insurance

the form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit)

available in German, English, French, Italian, Greek, Turkey, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian;

Proof of main residence in Berlin

* Certificate of registration at the main residence *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/_assets/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/_assets/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/_assets/mdb-f72307-labo_agen3__antrag_span_port_russ_03_2017.pdf

the form "Antrag auf Erlaubnis einer Beschäftigung" (Application for an employment permit)

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f50328-antrag_auf_erlaubnis_einer_besch__ftigung.pdf

Stellenbeschreibung (job description)

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f50329-stellenbeschreibung_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

Legal basis

- section 38a Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG
http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0559
- EU Directive 2003/109/EG of 25.11.2003
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02003L0109-20110520>

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.

The residence permit will generally be issued as an adhesive label in your passport. Electronic residence permits can at the moment only be issued in exceptional circumstances.

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