

Residence permit with right of return

Granting of a temporary residence permit with right of return.

This right can be granted if the person spent many years lawfully residing in the federal territory as a minor.

The application for a temporary residence permit must be filed after the person reaches the age of 15 and before he or she reaches the age of 21, as well as within five years of departure from the federal territory.

Simplified requirements shall apply to foreigners who have been forced into marriage by means of violence or threat and have been prevented from returning to Germany.

Prerequisites

Time of the application

The application for a temporary residence permit must be filed after the person reaches the age of 15 and before he or she reaches the age of 21, as well as within five years of departure.

Derogation from these requirements may be possible to prevent particular hardship.

Habitual residency for eight years

The foreigner must have lawfully resided in the federal territory for at least eight years prior to departure.

These requirements may be waived if the person has acquired a recognised school-leaving certificate in the federal territory or in cases of particular hardship.

Six years of school attendance

The foreigner must have attended a school in the federal territory for at least six years prior to departure.

Derogation from this requirement is possible to prevent particular hardship.

Secured livelihood

The person's subsistence must be ensured by their own economic activity or by a maintenance commitment into which a third party has entered for a period of at least five years.

Simplified requirements for victims of forced marriages.

Simplified requirements apply to victims of forced marriages who were prevented from returning to Germany. It must be possible to present the circumstances of the forced marriage in a credible form.

In these cases, the application must be filed within three months after the coercive situation has ended, and no later than within five years of departure from the federal territory.

It must also appear certain that the person, based on their education and way of life to date, will be able to integrate into the way of life in Germany.

Main residence in Berlin

- A personal interview is required

Documents required

- Valid passport or passport substitute
- 1 current biometric photo
35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background

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

- All German school reports and qualifications
 - Proof of secured livelihood (original)
 - *The following must be assured if a third party has entered into a maintenance commitment:*
 - Dependent workers: contract of employment, confirmation from the current employer of ongoing employment (not older than 14 days), the last six payslips
 - Self-employed persons: audit report prepared by an accountant, auditor or tax consultant with all the documents referred to therein, e.g. the excerpt from the commercial register (refer to Forms)
 - Rent contract or proof of residential property
 - Passport or ID card
 - *The following must be provided if the person's subsistence is ensured by his or her own economic activity:*
 - Proof of intended economic activity with statement of the anticipated income
 - A rent contract or proof of residential property, and
 - Health insurance
- Form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (filled out)
available in German, English, French, Italian, Greek, Turkish, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian
 - Proof of main residence in Berlin
 - * Certificate of registration at the main residence (Meldebestätigung) *or*
 - * lease and written confirmation of occupancy from the landlord

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/_asets/mdb-f72301-labo_agen1__antrag_engl_frz_ital_03_2017.pdf
- 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/_asets/mdb-f72304-labo_agen2__antrag_griech_tuerk_sk_03_2017.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/_asets/mdb-f72304-labo_agen2__antrag_griech_tuerk_sk_03_2017.pdf

sets/mdb-f72307-labo_agen3__antrag_span_port_russ_03_2017.pdf

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

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/pruefungsbericht_bis.docx

Fees

- * 100.00 euros for the initial issuance of the residence permit
- * 93.00 euros for each extension
- * For Turkish citizens: a maximum of 28,80 Euro.

Legal basis

- Section 37 Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG
https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/__37.html

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

Information on this location

Berlin Immigration Office, Friedrich-Krause-Ufer

Address

Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24
13353 Berlin

Current information on this location

Please pay attention to the current information on our website.

Due to the corona pandemic, we have had to switch our operation largely to online and written procedures in the last few months. From 7th September onwards Berlin Immigration Office will re-open for regular customer appointments. For reasons of protection against infection our primary focus remains on service by appointment. Please understand that, in order to protect against infection, we can't serve you if you do not wear a mouth-nose covering or are displaying symptoms of infection.

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: 07:00 a.m. - 02:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 07:00 a.m. - 02:00 p.m.

Wednesday: By appointment only

Thursday: 09:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.

Friday: By appointment only

Information for customers with an appointment

*Please pay attention to the

[[<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en/residence/artikel.998443.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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