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Residence permit for medical treatment

You can be issued with a residence permit on a temporary basis if your medical treatment in Germany lasts longer than the term of validity of the national visa (type D) issued to you for this purpose.

The residence permit can also be issued for your accompanying persons to whom a national visa (type D) was issued for this purpose.

As a rule, the residence permit cannot be extended if the medical treatment is finished.

If you have a Schengen visa (type C), you cannot receive a residence permit. However, you can extend your Schengen visa as a national visa (type D). You can find out more about this in the service "Schengen-Visa extension" (see section "More information").

Prerequisites

- **Valid national visa (type D)**
 - The national visa was issued either by a German embassy or consulate or by the Foreigners Registration Office.
 - If you have a Schengen visa (type C), you can extend this as a national visa (type D) under certain conditions. You can find out more about this in the service "Schengen - Visa - Extension" (see section "More information").
- **Medically treatment in the federal territory**
- **Guaranteed subsistence for the duration of the treatment**
- **Main residence in Berlin during medical treatment**
(https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/de_plain/)
- **Outpatient treatment**
In-person visit of the patient and the accompanying person
- **Inpatient treatment**
The accompanying person must come and see us face to face with
 - their power of attorney and
 - the hospital stay certificate (Liegebescheinigung) from the hospital for the patient.
- **Termin**
 - To make an appointment, please contact the relevant department using the contact form (see section "More information").
 - If possible, please send your appointment request 8 weeks before your current residence permit expires.

Documents required

- **Passport with valid national visa**
 - Patient: passport with valid national visa for medical treatment
 - Accompanying person: passport with valid national visa for accompanying the patient

All passports must contain at least two blank pages (without a stamp or a visa).

- **1 current biometric photo**

Please note:

- Since May 1, 2025, biometric passport photos may only be taken digitally at government offices or photo studios and transmitted via a secure electronic channel.
- Please check the website of the Berlin Immigration Office (see "More information") for the latest information in good time before your appointment.

- **Form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels"**

see section "Forms"

- **Passport or ID-Card of the authorized person**

- **Declaration regarding assumption of costs**

It must be confirmed by the embassy that the payment of the costs of treatment is guaranteed. This includes the costs of the treatment received and future treatment.

- **Proof of sufficient means of subsistence (for those paying for their own treatment)**

If a cost coverage declaration cannot be submitted, please bring the following with you:

- Bank statements showing your own financial resources
- Proof of payment of treatment costs to date

- **Consultant's certificate regarding medical treatment**

Confirmation of the following points by the hospital, doctor or institution providing the treatment:

- The availability of a place for the patient to receive the treatment,
- A date for the start of treatment, and
- The expected duration of the treatment

- **Health insurance**

In the case of outpatient treatment, travel health insurance is to be produced for the duration of the treatment up until departure.

- **Accompanying person**

It must be clearly demonstrated that a healthcare service is being provided.

- **If you have a representative: representative's power of attorney and identification document**

If you cannot make the application yourself:

- Written power of attorney
- Identification document of the person representing you (passport or German ID card)

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/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/_asets/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/_asets/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/_asets/lea-agen4_-antrag_serb_bos-112021_final.pdf)

Fees

- 100.00 euros: for initial issuance (adults)
- 96.00 euros: for renewal (adults)
- 50.00 euros: for initial issuance (minors)
- 48.00 euros: for renewal (minors)

For creating a digital passport photo at the self-service terminal on site: 6.00 euros

Legal basis

- **Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG) § 7**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_7.html)

Average time to process request

After the appointment, it takes approximately 4 weeks for the residence permit to be issued as an electronic residence permit and ready for collection.

More information

- **Contact forms for making an appointment (Berlin Immigration Office)**
(<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en/about-us/contact/artikel.1500715.en.php>)
- **Schengen - Visum - Verlängerung (Dienstleistung)**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/324785/en/>)
- **Digital passport photos for residence documents from 01.05.2025 (Berlin Immigration Office)**
(<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/ueber-uns/aktuelles/artikel.1541531.php#english>)

Notes on responsibility

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