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# Transfer of a EU Blue Card to a new passport

Do you have an EU Blue Card and have you received a new passport?

Then (only) the plastic card of your EU Blue Card residence permit is no longer valid, since this plastic card refers to your old passport. **However, your residence title EU Blue Card is still valid.**

Please read the following notes before booking an appointment.

## **Is your EU Blue Card only valid for a maximum of a further 6 months?**

If so, then a transfer no longer makes sense. Just come to the Berlin Immigration Office when it is time and necessary to renew your EU Blue Card. This will save you time and money.

## **Are you wanting to travel abroad?**

If no appointments are available at short notice, you can still travel abroad.

Re-entry to Germany is easy, if your EU Blue Card residence permit is still valid and you still have the old passport.

Take your old and new passports and your EU Blue Card with you on your trip.

However, we recommend that you enquire about the entry and exit conditions of the country you are visiting before you travel abroad (for example at the embassy of the country you are visiting).

## **Prerequisites**

- **Main residence in Berlin**

([https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/de\\_plain/](https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/de_plain/))

- **Personal appearance by appointment is required**

Transfers are made at the Citizens' Registration Offices or at the Berlin Immigration Office

generally only with an appointment.

- **Transfer in a Bürgeramt**

You can generally have the transfer carried out at any Berlin Citizens Registration Office (Bürgeramt), as long as the following requirements are met:

- You have your old, full passport together with the valid EU Blue Card.
- The EU Blue Card was issued in Berlin.
- Your old passport is complete.
- There is no more than 12 months between the expiry date of the old passport and the date of issue of the new passport.
- You have not resided outside the federal territory for a continuous period longer than 12 months.

- **Transfer in the Berlin Immigration Office**

If one of the above mentioned requirements for making the transfer at the Citizens Registration Office (Bürgeramt) is not met (e.g. old passport is no longer present, the EU Blue Card was not issued in Berlin) the Berlin Immigration Office is responsible for the transfer.

## Documents required

- **Your new passport**
- **Your old passport**  
If your passport has been stolen and you have reported the theft to the police, please bring the report with you.
- **Your EU Blue Card together with the supplementary sheet**
- **1 current, biometric passport photo (new regulation effective May 1, 2025)**
  - 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.
  - Before your appointment at the Bürgeramt, please note the information on passport photos in the location description.

## Fees

- 67.00 euros

Turkish citizens

- 27.60 euros: up to the age of 24
- 46.00 euros: from the age of 24

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

## Legal basis

- **Aufenthaltsverordnung (AufenthV) § 45c**  
([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/\\_45c.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_45c.html))
- **Aufenthaltsverordnung (AufenthV) § 52a**  
([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/\\_52a.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_52a.html))

## Average time to process request

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

## More information

- **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>)

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In all other cases: **Berlin Immigration Office**