

Residence permit for spouses and children of skilled workers, students, trainees, scientists and teachers

Issuing or extending a residence permit for

- * spouses,
- * same-sex life partners
- * or children

of foreigners who hold a residence permit and are either

- * working as a skilled worker (with an academic education or a vocational training)
- * starting or completing a degree or have successfully completed it,
- * completing a vocational training or an advanced training course,
- * staying in Germany in order to obtain recognition of their foreign professional qualification,
- * working in the fields of research and teaching as guest academics or as members of academic or technical staff, with an employment contract at a university or public research institution, or
- * are working as teachers at a state school, a state-approved private replacement school (Ersatzschule) or a recognized private supplementary school (Ergänzungsschule), or as German language teachers at a university.

Important note:

Does the relative with whom you want to live in Berlin have

- * a residence permit for a different reason, or
- * a permanent residence title, or
- * German citizenship?

Then please choose another service (see section "More information").

Prerequisites

- Main residence in Berlin
A second home in Berlin is not sufficient.
- Joint visit of the family
You can only submit the application to us on site.
Please book an appointment if possible.
- Living in a family unit
You live together in a common housing.

Documents required

- Application form

See the ?Forms? section.

Please fill in one form for each person who wishes to apply for a residence permit.

(not necessary for the extension of the residence permit)

Valid passport

current biometric photo

The photograph must be current. It must also fulfill the photograph requirements for electronic passports. The photo sample page

(Foto-Mustertafel)

[http://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf]

of the German Federal Printing Office (Bundesdruckerei) includes the individual requirements.

To join your spouse: marriage certificate

(not necessary for the extension of the residence permit)

To join your same sex civil partner: partnership certificate

(not necessary for the extension of the residence permit)

To join your parents: birth certificate

(not necessary for the extension of the residence permit)

In certain circumstances: proof of custody

If you want to join one of your parents in Berlin, and the other parent does not live in Germany.

(not necessary for the extension of the residence permit)

For all foreign documents: translation, possibly with an additional apostil or confirmation of authenticity (issued by a German consular official)

Please provide an authenticated translation of all foreign documents.

Depending on your country of origin, you may also need an apostil or confirmation of authenticity (issued by a German consular official) for your document(s). You can find out more about this at the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt)

[http://www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/Vertretung/konsularinfo/de/05/Urkundenverkehr__Allgemein/_Urkundenverkehr.html], for example.

Lease that states the current rental cost

Health insurance

Proof of a secure livelihood must also include sufficient health insurance. Those with statutory health insurance are sufficiently insured. Those with private health insurance must consider the type and extent of their health insurance.

Please read the leaflet for more information.

Proof that the livelihood of the family is / has been secured

*Employees: Employment contract, current certificate of employment (not older than 14 days), last 6 salary slips

* Students and trainees: e.g. bank statements of the last six months / scholarship / blocked account (Sperrkonto) at a German Bank / submission of a declaration of commitment by a third party on an official form / other proofs of income

Proof of main residence in Berlin

- * Certificate of registration at the main residence *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-f72307-labo_agen3__antrag_span_port_russ_03_2017.pdf
- Information on adequate health insurance
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/mdb-f131960-labo_4326_merkblatt_krankenversicherungsschutz_05.13__engl._.pdf

Fees

For the first issuance of the residence permit:

- * Adults: 100.00 euros
- * Minors: 50.00 euros
- * Turkish citizens: a maximum of 28.80 euros

For the extension of the residence permit:

- * Adults: 93.00 euros
- * Minors: 46.50 euros
- * Turkish citizens: a maximum of 28.80 euros

Legal basis

- sections 29, 30, 32 Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG)
http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0628

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

- Residence permit for spouses, parents and children of foreign citizens (general)
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/305289/en/>
- Residence permit for spouses, parents and children of German citizens
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/328191/en/>
- Residence permit for spouses, parents and children of persons eligible for subsidiary protection
<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/328281/en/>
- 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
- 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

Current information on this location

Currently, the number of hits on our online appointment scheduling has increased

massively. Unfortunately, this can mean that the service is temporarily unavailable. A maintenance page will then be displayed. Please note our current information on the subject.

Barrier-free access

This facility is fully accessible to wheelchairs.
An elevator fully accessible to wheelchairs is available.
A WC fully accessible to wheelchairs is available.

Opening hours

Monday: By appointment only
Tuesday: By appointment only
Wednesday: By appointment only
Thursday: Until at least March 4th, 2021 by appointment only
Friday: By appointment only

Changes in opening hours

* To further contain the corona infection the service at our locations will be restricted. For the time being until March 7th, 2021, service will only take place by appointment.
* We are closed on March 8th, 2021 due to the public holiday (International Women's Day).

Information for customers with an appointment

We ask for your understanding for the following hygiene precautions:

- * Entering our service building is *only permitted with a medical mask.* Medical masks in this sense are surgical masks as well as masks of the standards KN95 / N95 or FFP2.
- * We can't serve you if you are displaying symptoms of infection.
- *No access for accompanying persons*
- * Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, access to our office buildings is limited only to customers with personal appointments.
- * We ask accompanying people including German spouses, whose attendance was requested, for their understanding: Due to the current pandemic we cannot grant you access.
- * An exception will be made for lawyers with ID, legal guardians with official ID and sign language interpreters who accompany the customer. Children below the age of 14 years may accompany parents if no alternative supervision can be arranged.

Public transportation

U-Bahn U 7 (Mierendorffplatz)

Bus M27 (Stop Keplerstraße)

Contact

Telephone: 90269-4000

Fax: 90269-4099

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

E-mail: <https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/ueber-uns/kontakt/>

Payment methods

You can pay in cash or with a debit card (Girocard) (with PIN) at this location.

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