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# 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**

([https://www.berlin.de/labo/\\_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf))

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

- **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)**

(<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/urkundenverkehrteilb/231968>)

- 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).

- **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/\\_assets/lea-agen1-antrag\\_engl\\_frz\\_ital-112021.pdf](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/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](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](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](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/lea-agen4_-antrag_serb_bos-112021_final.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](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 37.00 euros

For the extension of the residence permit:

- Adults: 93.00 euros
- Minors: 46.50 euros
- Turkish citizens: a maximum of 37.00 euros

## Legal basis

- **Aufenthaltsgesetz (AufenthG) §§ 27, 29, 30, 32**

([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch\\_aufenthg/englisch\\_aufenthg.html#p0743](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0743))

## 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**

([https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zentrale-einwohnerangelegenheiten/\\_assets/mdb-f402544-20161102\\_wohnungsgeberbestaetigung.pdf](https://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, Zum Business Immigration Service (BIS)

### Address

Fasanenstraße 85  
10623 Berlin

### Mailing address

Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24  
13353 Berlin

### Contact

Telephone: (030) 90269-5900

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Internet:

<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/service/business-immigration-service/>

Contact form:

<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/service/business-immigration-service/online-formulare-des-bis/>

## Information on the address of this location

### The postal address differs from the address of the location.

Therefore, please always send letters to: Landesamt für Einwanderung, Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24, 13353 Berlin.

### Barrier-free access



[Explanation of symbols](#)

### Payment options

Payment is not provided.