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# Engagement in prostitution/sex work - Renew registration certificate

On July 1, 2017, the **Prostitute Protection Act** (ProstSchG) came into force. Since then, persons engaged in sex work in Germany are obliged to register their activity with the responsible authority. The registration and alias certificates are valid for a limited period of time. **If the engagement in sex work is continued after the expiry of the validity period, an extension must be applied for::**

- **for persons between 18 and 21 years after one year.**
- **for persons older than 21 years, after two years.**

Information on the validity of your current registration certificate can be found directly on the registration certificate in the field "Gültig bis/Date of Expiry".

## Prerequisites

- **Legal majority**  
The sex worker must be at least 18 years of age.
- **Information for pregnant individuals**  
The registration certificate may not be issued if the person is an expectant mother in the last six weeks before delivery at the time of registration.
- **Appearance in person**
- **Health counseling**  
([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/prostschg/\\_10.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/prostschg/_10.html))  
You must have attended a counseling session at the Berlin Center for Health Counseling in accordance with §10 ProstSchG. A certificate was issued to you about this. The corresponding website, including all contact details for making an appointment, can be found **under "More information"**.

## Documents required

- **Valid identity document**  
Identity card, passport, passport substitute or identity card substitute containing a photograph.  
  
If you are a foreign national and not entitled to freedom of movement, you must provide documents (German residence permit) that show that you have permission to take up employment or self-employed activities in Germany.
- **Proof of the continuous participation in the health counselling according to § 10 ProstSchG**  
Sex workers aged 21 and over:  
Evidence of health consultations held at least once a year.  
Sex worker under the age of 21:  
Evidence of health consultations at least every six months.
- **Registration certificate (Meldebescheinigung) / delivery address as an alternative**  
Current registration certificate / registration confirmation of residence or main residence, or if you do not have a permanent residence in Germany,

proof of a delivery address.

**Important notice:** to specify a delivery address, you must authorize the person who is to receive your mail at the delivery address to do so in writing. A form is available for this purpose (see chapter Forms).

- **Photo**

A recent passport photograph is required for the issuance of the registration certificate(s). The photo should be 45 millimeters high and 35 millimeters wide.

## Forms

- **Confirmation of the alternative delivery address**

([https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/prostituierenschutz/p Prostituierenschutz/\\_assets/zustelladresse.docx](https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/prostituierenschutz/p Prostituierenschutz/_assets/zustelladresse.docx))

## Fees

none

## Legal basis

- **Prostituierenschutzgesetz (ProstSchG) § 5 Abs. 5 Anmeldebescheinigung; Gültigkeit**

([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/prostschg/\\_5.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/prostschg/_5.html))

## Average time to process request

Usually immediately

## More information

- **Prostitution activity/sex work - Health counseling for prostitutes**

(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/328257/standort/328746/en/>)

- **Prostitution activity/sex work - Apply for registration certificate**

(<https://www.berlin.de/ba-tempelhof-schoeneberg/politik-und-verwaltung/prostituierenschutz/dienstleistungen/service.797804.php/dienstleistung/328121/standort/328135/en/>)

## Notes on responsibility

The registration authority Probea Berlin at the Tempelhof-Schöneberg district office is responsible for the renewal of a registration certificate in Berlin.