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Certificate confirming permission to reside (Aufenthaltsgestattung) - extension

Foreigners seeking asylum in the federal territory are permitted to remain while the asylum procedure is pending. Once they have filed an application for asylum, they are issued with a certificate that is valid for a limited period.

This certificate confirming permission to reside is extended until the decision by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees has been made and is no longer contestable or permission to reside expires for another reason.

Extending the certificate is possible 4 weeks before it expires at the earliest.

Prerequisites

- **Result of the asylum proceedings in the federal territory is still pending**

The certificate may only be extended if permission to reside has not expired by law. Permission to reside expires in particular when the Federal Office makes an incontestable decision.

For further possible reasons for the expiration, see the section "More information".

- **Main residence in Berlin**

Taking up residence in Berlin while asylum proceedings are pending must be permitted.

Geographical restriction to the district of any other foreigners authority is not permissible.

- **Visit in person (over 18 years of age) with appointment**

- To arrange an appointment, please contact responsible units A 2, A 3 or A 4 using the contact form (see "More information" section).
- Minors (under 18 years of age) do not need to attend in person. Please present a current school attendance certificate for children of school age.

Documents required

- **1 current biometric photo of each person with an own permission to reside**

(https://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf)
35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background

- **Previous certificate confirming permission to reside**

At the time of the appointment, the certificate confirming permission to reside should have no more than four weeks' validity remaining.

Fees

None

Legal basis

- **Asylgesetz (AsylG) sect. 55**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_asylvfg/englisch_asylvfg.html#p0478)
- **Asylgesetz (AsylG) sect. 63**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_asylvfg/englisch_asylvfg.html#p0529)

Average time to process request

The certificate confirming permission to reside is usually extended at the appointment.

More information

- **Reasons for the expiry of a permission to reside**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_asylvfg/englisch_asylvfg.html#p0587)
- **Contact forms for arranging an appointment in units A 2, A 3 or A 4**
(<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en/about-us/contact/artikel.1500715.en.php>)

Notes on responsibility

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