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Naturalization Conferral of German citizenship for foreigners without a claim to naturalization (discretionary naturalization)

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99099002067004
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Naturalization Conferral of German citizenship for foreigners without a claim to naturalization (discretionary naturalization)
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for discretionary naturalization
Typisierung	2 - Bundesauftragsverwaltung: Regelung
Quellredaktion	Baustein Leistungen
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Nationality (individuell, 099)

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Verrichtungskennung	Verleihung (067)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Voraussetzungen für die Einbürgerung von Staatsangehörigen eines anderen Mitgliedstaats
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100), Einbürgerung (1080300)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	14.04.2025
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Federal Ministry of the Interior and for Home Affairs (BMI)
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_8.html
Teaser	Under certain conditions, you can apply for discretionary naturalization even if you are not entitled to naturalization.
Volltext	<p>Naturalization gives you German citizenship and makes you an equal citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany with all rights and obligations.</p> <p>With German citizenship, you can, among other things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise your right to vote in the municipalities, in the federal states, in the German Bundestag and in the European Parliament. • Enjoy freedom of movement within the European Union (EU), i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • move freely within the EU, • be employed or self-employed in the EU and • travel to many countries outside the EU without a visa. <p>For discretionary naturalization, the competent authority must determine a public interest in your naturalization on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Under certain conditions, the following persons can be naturalized under discretionary naturalization, even if they have not been living legally in Germany for 5</p>

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years:

- Spouses
- registered civil partners
- underage children

Naturalization becomes effective when the naturalization certificate is issued.

The competent authority is the citizenship authority in your place of residence.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Application for naturalization
 - Valid passport or official identity document with photo
 - valid residence permit
 - Documents on civil status, for example
 - birth certificate
 - marriage certificate
 - Divorce decree or death certificate, if applicable, with translation, legalization or apostille, if applicable
 - of the previous spouse or the previous registered partner or
 - of the previous registered civil partner
 - school, vocational, training or study qualifications obtained in Germany
 - if you go to school: current school certificate
 - if you are a student: current certificate of study
 - if you are employed: Employment contract and proof of income
 - if you receive a pension: Pension certificate and pension insurance history, which you will receive from the German Pension Insurance (Deutsche Rentenversicherung)
 - if you are self-employed:
 - Business registration,
 - current income tax assessment notice,
 - Proof of the profit made, for example by means of an informal certificate from the tax office about the net income or a business analysis
 - Tenancy agreement
 - Proof of health insurance cover
 - Proof of pension provision, for example:

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- Real estate ownership,
- private life insurance or
- pension insurance
- Proof of sufficient German language skills, for example with a B1 certificate;
- Proof of civic knowledge, for example with a certificate of participation in the integration course "Living in Germany" or naturalization test
- for minors: Proof of custody, for example in the case of divorced or unmarried parents by means of a custody order
- in the case of joint parental custody: declaration of consent from the other parent with custody rights
- when you appear in person:
 - Your commitment to the free democratic basic order and
 - your acknowledgement of Germany's special historical responsibility for the National Socialist reign of injustice and its consequences and
 - your declaration of loyalty
- Further documents may be required depending on the individual case. Please contact your local citizenship authority for advice.

Voraussetzungen

The following minimum requirements apply for discretionary naturalization:

- You must have been living legally in Germany for 5 years, The required period of residence can be shortened under certain circumstances, for example if your spouse, registered partner or underage children are also naturalized.
 - Their identity and nationality must be clarified.
 - You are capable of acting or are legally represented.
- In the naturalization procedure, you are generally capable of acting if you have reached the age of 16.
- You have a permanent right of residence at the time of naturalization, for example:
 - a settlement permit, or
 - another permanent residence permit.
 - A residence permit for the purpose of studying, for example, is not suitable for naturalization.
 - You can support yourself and your dependent family members without receiving certain public benefits. For reasons of public interest or to avoid particular

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hardship, the requirement to be able to support yourself may be waived.

- You have not been convicted of a criminal offense. If you are currently under investigation on suspicion of a criminal offence, the citizenship authority will suspend the naturalization procedure until the proceedings have been concluded.

- You have sufficient knowledge of the German language, at least at level B1. This does not apply, for example, if

- you are unable to meet this requirement due to a physical, mental or psychological illness or disability or due to age.

- For underage children who have not yet reached the age of 16, age-appropriate language development is sufficient.

- They have civic knowledge. You do not have to provide proof of civic knowledge if

- you are unable to do so due to a physical, mental or psychological illness or disability or due to age, or

- you have a German school, college or university degree or

- you entered the country as a guest worker before June 30, 1974 or you followed this person as a spouse in a temporal context or

- you entered the country as a contract worker before 2.10.1990 or you followed this person as a spouse in a temporal context.

- You are committed to the free democratic basic order of the Basic Law and make a declaration of loyalty. This means

- You do not support any anti-constitutional or extremist activities.

- If you have supported such activities in the past, you must have credibly renounced them.

- You acknowledge Germany's special historical responsibility for the National Socialist reign of injustice and its consequences, in particular

- for the protection of Jewish life and

- to the peaceful coexistence of peoples and

- the prohibition of waging a war of aggression.

Kosten

Verwaltungsgebühr: 51€

https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_38.html

Verwaltungsgebühr: 25€ - 255€

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 Verwaltungsgebühr: 25€ - 51€
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 Verwaltungsgebühr: 255€
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 Notes:

- The competent authority may grant a fee reduction or exemption for reasons of fairness or public interest.
- Additional costs may be incurred for the procurement of documents, translations and certifications.
- Additional transfer fees may be incurred for transfers from a foreign account.

Verfahrensablauf

Bearbeitungsdauer

Frist

weiterführende Informationen

<https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/Integration/ZugewanderteTeilnehmende/Einbuengerung/einbuengerung-node.html>
<https://www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ib-de/ich-moechte-mehr-wissen-ueber/einbuengerung>
<https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/Recherche/de/Suchen>
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/urkunden/2007718>

Hinweise

Rechtsbehelf

- Appeal
- Action before the competent administrative court

Kurztext

- if there is no entitlement to naturalization and in individual cases there is a public interest in naturalization, discretionary naturalization can be applied for
 - Naturalization confers German citizenship with all rights and obligations. Among other things, it enables
 - the right to vote and stand for election in the municipalities, the federal states, the German Bundestag and the European Parliament,
 - freedom of movement within the European Union

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Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	