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Applying for a settlement permit for minor foreign children

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Leistungsschlüssel	99010003001002, 99010003001002
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for a settlement permit for minor foreign children
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Typisierung	2/3b - Bund: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hessen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder,

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	einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	28.12.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Hessian Ministry of the Interior and Sport
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_35.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_26.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_35.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_26.html
Teaser	As a child born and/or raised in Germany, you can, under certain conditions, obtain an independent (i.e. independent of your parents), permanent right of residence (settlement permit) at the age of 16.
Volltext	<p>If you have a residence permit as a minor foreign child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for family reasons (e.g. for moving to or joining a family member or due to birth in Germany) or • for humanitarian reasons (e.g. on the basis of entitlement to asylum or refugee recognition under the Geneva Convention) <p>and still have, you can, under certain conditions, obtain a permanent right of residence in the form of a settlement permit.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized and valid identity document (for example, passport or passport substitute) • Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm) • Proof of at least five years of residence in Germany (e.g. school, training or study certificates, proof of passing intermediate examinations or credit points, employment contract)

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- For minors whose parents with custody cannot submit the application jointly on behalf of their minor child: written power of attorney from the absent parent
- Adult applicants also need: Proof of sufficient language skills at level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (e.g. language certificate, German school and training certificates), Proof of securing one's livelihood together with health insurance (e.g. proof of income, certificate of health insurance) or proof of the school or vocational training relationship (school certificate, training contract or certificate of the training place, certificate of enrolment)

Please note: If there is an illness or disability that prevents the acquisition of language skills or the independent livelihood, this must be proven in an appropriate form (for example, specialist opinion, proof of institutionalization).

The documents and information must always be submitted in German. In individual cases, the Foreigners' Registration Office may require less or further proof.

Voraussetzungen

- You must be at least 16 years of age.
- You must have been in possession of a valid residence permit for at least five consecutive years, which for family reasons (e.g. for moving to or joining a family member or due to birth in Germany) or for humanitarian reasons (e.g. on the basis of entitlement to asylum or refugee recognition under the Geneva Convention) was granted.
- You should be able to explain to the immigration authority that you have resided in Germany for five years (for example, by providing proof of attendance at an educational institution or an employment relationship).
- You must not have been sentenced in the last three years to a youth sentence of at least six months or imprisonment of at least three months or a fine of at least 90 daily rates for an intentional offence. The suspension of the imposition of a juvenile sentence on you may also preclude the granting of a settlement

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permit.

- If you have reached the age of 18, also: You were granted a residence permit while you were a minor (it is also possible to obtain a settlement permit if you do not reach the five-year period until after you have reached the age of majority). You have knowledge of German at level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (this is assumed if you have attended a German-speaking school for more than four years and have achieved at least a "sufficient" in subject German). Your livelihood is secured (for example, through your own income or the income of your parents) or you are in an apprenticeship relationship leading to a recognised school or vocational training qualification or a university degree (school attendance, in-company training or university studies).

Please note: If you suffer from an illness or disability that prevents you from acquiring language skills or securing your own livelihood, you do not have to meet these requirements.

Kosten

Cost amount (fixed):

- 55,00 for minor applicants
- 113,00 for adult applicants

Remark:

Additional fees may apply for the issuance of the settlement permit in the form of an electronic residence title (eAT card), which can also be used as an electronic proof of identity.

Verfahrensablauf

- The settlement permit must be applied for before the validity of your current residence permit expires.
- If you have not yet reached the age of 18, you may not submit the application yourself, but need a representative (usually the application is made by the parents with custody).
- Find out whether the competent immigration authority allows the application to be submitted online or has a special application form.
- If the application is only possible in person, make an

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appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office. In the case of an online application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receipt of the application to make an appointment.

- If you have not yet reached the age of 18, you must be accompanied by at least one legal representative (usually one parent) during the personal interview. In the case of joint custody, the parents must always appear together at the authority and jointly submit the application for you. If one parent is unable to appear in person, the other parent with custody must be issued with a written power of attorney for the application.
- During the appointment, your identity and your documents will be checked (please bring all documents, if possible in the original, to the appointment).
- If your application is granted, your fingerprints will be taken to produce the settlement permit in the form of a new electronic residence title (eAT card for short).
- The Foreigners' Registration Office commissions Bundesdruckerei to produce the eAT card. After completion, you will receive information - if necessary via your representative - and can pick up the eAT card from the responsible office. The eAT card must always be picked up in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice - if necessary via your representative.

Bearbeitungsdauer

Duration: approx. 6 to 8 weeks Remark: • The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. • The production of the electronic residence title by Bundesdruckerei takes about 4 to 6 weeks.

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Duration: 6 to 8 weeks Remark • At the latest 6 to 8 weeks before the expiry of the current residence permit, the application should be received by the Foreigners' Registration Office. • The settlement permit is issued for an unlimited period. Only the electronic residence title (eAT card) is issued for a limited period and must be renewed after the end of its validity. You can appeal against the rejection within one month of notification - if necessary by the representative.

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Hinweise

- Children who have not yet reached the age of 18 may not submit the application themselves, but must be represented by a legally competent person (for example, by a parent with custody).
- When issuing a settlement permit, the immigration authority may take into account circumstances such as the residence status of the parents or parents with custody.
- The procedure will be conducted in German.
- Make sure that your information is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. This is the only way the Foreigners' Registration Office can process your request without major delays.
- Inaccurate or incomplete information may slow down the process and be detrimental to you. In an emergency, incorrect or incomplete information that is not completed or corrected in time vis-à-vis the immigration authority may result in the withdrawal of residence rights already granted, a fine, imprisonment of up to three years or expulsion from the federal territory.

Rechtsbehelf

- Appeal against the decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office
- Action before the court named in the notice of opposition if the objection is not complied with

Kurztext

- Settlement permit for minor children
- Foreign children born and/or raised in Germany can obtain an independent, permanent right of residence (settlement permit).
- Prior possession of a valid residence permit issued during the minority is required for family or humanitarian reasons.
- Minors receive the settlement permit if the residence permit has been held continuously for at least five years at the age of 16.
- Adults receive a settlement permit if they: have been in possession of the residence permit issued during the minority for five years (the five-year period does not have to be reached when they reach the age of majority), have knowledge of the German language at level B 1 and are able to support themselves from their

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own resources or are in training leading to a recognised school or vocational qualification or a university degree (proper and regular schooling, in-company training or university studies).

- In the case of a physical, mental or emotional illness or disability, no language skills and no livelihood security have to be proven.
- The settlement permit shall not be issued if: there is an interest in expulsion from the Federal territory, a juvenile sentence has been imposed or suspended for an intentional offence in the last three years.
- Responsible: the immigration authority responsible for the place of residence of the applicant.

Ansprechpunkt

Zuständige Stelle

The immigration authority responsible for the place of residence of the applicant is responsible for processing the application.

Formulare

Forms available: Yes

Written form required: Yes

Informal application possible: No

Personal appearance required: Yes

Ursprungsportal

Applying for a settlement permit for minor foreign children, Niederlassungserlaubnis für minderjährige ausländische Kinder beantragen