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# Issuing travel documents for foreigners

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99085005012001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Issuing travel documents for foreigners
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for a travel document (passport replacement) for foreigners from non-EU countries
Typisierung	2/3b - Bund: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Reisepass (085)
Verrichtungskennung	Ausstellung (012)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Dokumente, die von Unionsbürgern, ihren Familienmitgliedern, die keine Unionsbürger sind, allein reisenden Minderjährigen und

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	Nicht-Unionsbürgern bei grenzüberschreitenden Reisen innerhalb der Union verlangt werden (Personalausweis, Visum, Pass)
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100), Ausweise (1070100), Reisen (1120100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	16.08.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	National editorial office
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_4.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_4.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_5.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_5.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_6.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_6.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_8.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_8.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_9.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_9.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_11.htm">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_11.htm</a> 
Teaser	If you do not have a passport from your country of origin and it is not reasonably possible for you to obtain one, you may be issued with a travel document for foreigners in exceptional cases.
Volltext	<p>Every foreigner must have a recognized and valid passport or passport substitute. If you are not in possession of a passport or passport substitute, you must therefore apply to the diplomatic mission of your country of origin for the issue of such a document.</p> <p>The travel document for foreigners is a German passport substitute document that can be issued as an alternative in special exceptional cases.</p> <p>You can apply for a travel document for foreigners if you come from a non-EU country, do not have a passport or passport substitute from your home country and cannot reasonably obtain such a document.</p> <p>As a rule, reasonable means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to apply for a new or renewed passport or passport</li> </ul>

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substitute in your home country in good time before your passport expires and to cooperate in the official procedure, and

- pay the fees stipulated in your country of origin.

It would not be reasonable, for example, if you are granted asylum in Germany as a politically persecuted person and are therefore unable to visit the embassy of your country of origin. High costs for obtaining a passport in your country of origin do not make obtaining a passport unreasonable in principle.

When applying for a travel document for foreigners, you should be able to provide evidence of your previous efforts to obtain a passport.

If you are only temporarily without a passport, a travel document for foreigners can only be issued if there are compelling reasons for doing so.

In addition to the unreasonableness of obtaining a passport, a further requirement is that

- Your stay in Germany is legal, i.e. you are either already in possession of a residence title (residence permit, settlement permit, permanent residence permit) or are to receive this together with the travel document.
- you are to be allowed to leave the federal territory permanently.
- you are in the asylum procedure and there is an urgent public interest in issuing the travel document or compelling reasons require the travel document to be issued or the refusal to issue the travel document would constitute undue hardship

and the implementation of the asylum procedure is not jeopardized.

The immigration authority may determine that the travel document should only be valid for certain countries or parts of the world.

If the country of origin refuses to issue a passport or passport substitute for reasons that also exist in

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	<p>German passport law, no travel document can be issued.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)</li> <li>• Proof of identity and nationality (e.g. expired travel documents, certificates or affidavits)</li> <li>• Current residence permit, travel document or current residence permit, if available</li> </ul> <p>In individual cases, the foreigners authority may require less or further proof.</p>
Voraussetzungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are a citizen of a non-EU country.</li> <li>• You do not have a passport or passport substitute from your country of origin.</li> <li>• You can prove that it is not reasonably possible for you to obtain a passport or passport substitute from your country of origin.</li> <li>• You meet one of the following requirements: You are either in possession of a residence title (residence permit, settlement permit, EC permanent residence permit) or are to receive this together with the travel document. The purpose of the travel document is to enable you to leave the federal territory permanently.</li> </ul> <p>You are in the asylum procedure and there is an urgent public interest in issuing the travel document, compelling reasons require this or it would mean undue hardship if the travel document is not issued to you, and your asylum procedure is not jeopardized by the issuance of the travel document.</p>
Kosten	<p>From the age of 24: 100.00 Up to the age of 24: 97.00          Temporary travel document for foreigners: 67.00          Travel document without storage medium for foreigners up to the age of 12: 14.00 Extension of a temporary travel document for foreigners: 20.00          Remark: The issuing of travel documents is always subject to a fee (even when receiving social benefits). The fee must be paid in full even if the application for the travel document is rejected.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out whether your foreigners authority allows you to apply online or has a special application form.</li> <li>• If the application can only be made in person, make</li> </ul>

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an appointment at the immigration office. If you apply online, the immigration office will contact you after receiving your application to arrange an appointment.

- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your documents to the appointment, if possible in the original).

When the travel document for foreigners is ready, you will receive information and can collect the document from the relevant office. If your application is rejected, you will receive a notice of rejection.

## Bearbeitungsdauer

approx. 8 weeks

## Frist

Application deadline: The application should be received by the Foreigners' Registration Office at least 8 weeks before the travel document is required. Period of validity: The period of validity of the travel document for foreigners is linked to the validity of the residence document. The maximum period of validity is: for children under the age of 12: 6 years, at the longest until their 12th birthday for persons aged between 12 and 24 at the time of issue: 6 years for persons who are 24 years or older at the time of issue: 10 years Temporary travel documents are issued with a validity period of up to one year. In individual cases (for example, if the travel document is issued for the final departure from Germany), the validity is usually limited to a maximum of one month.

## weiterführende Informationen

(Non-binding) overview of countries that recognize passport replacement documents issued in Germany (Federal Police):  
<https://www.bundespolizei.de/Web/DE/01Sicher-auf-Reisen/06Passrechtliche-Hinweise/01Ersatzpapiere-beantwahren/Forms/Documents/staatenliste-anerkennung-von-ersatzpapieren.html?nn=5931340> Sample photo table with requirements for biometric passport photos (Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community):  
<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/themen/moderne-verwaltung/ausweise/fotomustertafel.html>

## Hinweise

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Rechtsbehelf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appeal against the decision of the immigration authority</li> <li>• Legal action before the court named in the notice of objection if the objection is not upheld</li> </ul>
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing travel documents for foreigners</li> <li>• Foreigners must have a recognized and valid passport or passport substitute or apply to the diplomatic mission of their home country for the issue of a passport or passport substitute.</li> <li>• Foreigners who do not have a passport or passport substitute and who cannot prove that they can obtain one in a reasonable manner may be issued a travel document for foreigners (German passport substitute) in special exceptional cases.</li> <li>• Further requirement: Residence in Germany is legal, i.e. the foreigner is either already in possession of a residence permit or is to receive this together with the travel document, or The foreigner is to be allowed to leave the federal territory permanently. The foreigner is in the asylum procedure and there is an urgent public interest in issuing the travel document, there are compelling reasons for issuing it or refusal would constitute undue hardship and the asylum procedure is not jeopardized.</li> <li>• The validity of the travel document may be restricted to certain countries or parts of the world.</li> <li>• If the country of origin refuses to issue a passport or passport substitute for reasons that also exist in German passport law, no travel document can be issued.</li> <li>• Responsible for issuing the travel document in Germany: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence abroad: the diplomatic missions abroad</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	The foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence is responsible.
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Reiseausweis Ausstellung für Ausländer, Issuing travel documents for foreigners