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Apply for a certificate of permanent residence for Union citizens entitled to free movement

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010016012001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a certificate of permanent residence for Union citizens entitled to free movement
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
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Quellredaktion	Sachsen-Anhalt
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
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Verrichtungskennung	Ausstellung (012)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Voraussetzungen für die Einbürgerung von

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	Staatsangehörigen eines anderen Mitgliedstaats
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	06.01.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior and Municipal Affairs of the State of Brandenburg
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_2.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_4a.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_12.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_47.htm https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/anlage_d15.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_5.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_2.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_4a.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_12.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_47.htm https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/anlage_d15.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/freiz_gg_eu_2004/_5.html
Teaser	EU and EEA citizens who have acquired a right of permanent residence can apply to the Foreigners' Registration Office for a certificate of the existence of this right.
Volltext	Citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA: Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) do not need a residence permit to enter and stay in Germany.

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If you are an EU and EEA citizen and have resided legally in Germany for a period of five years, you can acquire a permanent right of residence. The right of permanent residence arises directly by operation of law. You can apply to the Foreigners' Registration Office for a certificate of permanent residence.

Under certain conditions, you can acquire a right of permanent residence before the expiry of five years, e.B. if you:

- have resided permanently in Germany for at least three years, have worked in Germany or in another Member State of the European Union for the last twelve months and have since retired from working life due to your age (reaching the age of 65) or due to an early retirement scheme;
- have given up their profession pursued in Germany or in another Member State of the European Union as a result of a full disability resulting from an accident at work or an occupational disease which entitles them to a pension in Germany;
- have given up your profession pursued in Germany or in another Member State of the European Union as a result of a full disability after having previously resided permanently in Germany for at least two years, or
- have been permanently employed in Germany for three years, are now gainfully employed in another Member State of the European Union, but still have a residence in Germany to which you return at least once a week.

The certificate of the right of permanent residence is issued by the Foreigners' Registration Office after it has checked whether you have reached the required periods of residence in Germany. This does not require that you have resided continuously in Germany for the required period of time. Certain absences from federal territory are irrelevant for the acquisition of the right of permanent residence. Thus, even when leaving the Federal territory for a total of six months a year, to perform military service or a substitute service or for good cause once for up to twelve consecutive months

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(e.B. due to a serious illness, a study, a vocational training) a permanent residence can be assumed. Periods of imprisonment that have not been suspended are not taken into account for the acquisition of the right of permanent residence.

If you have interrupted your stay in Germany for a long time, it is not possible to add up previous and subsequent periods in order to reach the minimum period of residence required for the acquisition of the right of permanent residence.

If necessary, the Foreigners' Registration Office can also check the legality of your stay, i.e. whether you have fulfilled the requirements of the right of free movement during the entire period.

With the acquisition of the right of permanent residence, you will receive an improved ("consolidated") legal status regardless of your nationality. Thus, the right of permanent residence is independent of the continuity of the conditions for freedom of movement. In addition, your expulsion protection increases. However, if you leave Germany for more than two consecutive years, this may result in the loss of the right of permanent residence.

The certificate is issued indefinitely and confirms that you have acquired the right of permanent residence. The document does not constitute an identity document, i.e. You cannot prove your identity with the certificate. Therefore, it does not carry a photograph, nor is there any obligation to update the information in the document in case of changes (e.B. you do not have to have the certificate updated if you have a new passport or identity card issued or if your address changes).

If you have not yet reached the age of 18, your legal representative (e.B. the person entitled to personal custody) must agree to the planned stay.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

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- Consent of the legal representative to the planned stay if the age of 18 has not yet been reached

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The Foreigners' Registration Office may require the submission of the following documents:

- Recognised or otherwise approved, valid passport or passport substitute
- Proof that the right to freedom of movement has been exercised for the periods of residence completed (e.B. confirmation of registration, employment contract, trade license or proof of self-employment, sufficient resources and sufficient health insurance protection, certificate of enrolment)

In individual cases, the Foreigners' Registration Office may request further documents.

Voraussetzungen

- You are an EU or EEA national
- You can show the required periods of stay in Germany (usually five years, in special cases two or three years are sufficient).
- You are legally resident in Germany, i.e. You have fulfilled the requirements of the right of free movement during your entire stay.
- If necessary, you can provide the evidence and documents mentioned under "Required documents"

Kosten

Issuance of certificate: EUR 10,00

Under certain conditions, a fee reduction or fee exemption may be considered.

Verfahrensablauf

The certificate must be applied for at the immigration authority responsible for your place of residence .

The procedure is as follows:

- Depending on the Immigration Office, it may be possible to apply via the Internet. Find out whether your immigration office offers the electronic application.

In the event of an electronic application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receipt of your application in order to request documents if necessary and to arrange an

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appointment with you at the Foreigners' Registration Office. During the appointment, your documents will be checked (bring them to the appointment in the original if you are asked to do so).

- If the application is only possible in person, make an appointment with the Foreigners' Registration Office. During the appointment, your details will be received and your proofs will be checked (bring them to the appointment in the original if you are asked to do so).
- After completion of the examination, you will immediately be issued a certificate of permanent residence or a rejection notice.
- In principle, the collection must be made in person. You must sign at the Foreigners' Registration Office.

Bearbeitungsdauer

Your application for a certificate of permanent residence will be processed as soon as possible

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- The certificate of permanent residence may be applied for after a permanent legal residence of five years. In special cases, the right of permanent residence can be certified after two or three years.
- The certificate of permanent residence shall be issued without delay for an indefinite period.

weiterführende Informationen

- Information from the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community on freedom of movement:

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/migration/aufenthaltsrecht/freizuegigkeit-eu-buerger/freizuegigkeit-eu-buerger-node.html>

and

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/theme/migration/freizuegigkeit/freizuegigkeit-liste.html>

- Information from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees on the subject of immigration from the EU:

<https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/MigrationAufenthalt/ZuwandererEuropa/zuwanderereuropa-node.html>

- Information from the Federal Ministry of the Interior,

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	<p>Building and Community on Brexit: https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/verfassung/europa/brexit/brexitartikel.html</p>
Hinweise	<p>Note for Swiss nationals:</p> <p>Because Switzerland is not a member of the EU or the EEA, a different regulation applies to the Swiss. The right of residence for Swiss nationals is governed by the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, on the free movement of persons.</p> <p>Note for British citizens (Brexit):</p> <p>On 1 February 2020, the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union was completed. For British nationals and their family members entitled to freedom of movement, the right to freedom of movement initially continued to apply until 31 December 2020.</p> <p>The competent immigration authority provides information on which regulations will apply in individual cases from 1 January 2021</p>
Rechtsbehelf	<p>Against a negative decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office, a general action for benefits may be brought for the issue of the certificate of the right of permanent residence</p>
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of permanent residence Issue for Union citizens entitled to freedom of movement • After five years of permanent, legal residence in The Federal Republic of Germany, citizens of the European Union (EU) or of a country of the European Economic Area (EEA: Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) can acquire a right of permanent residence and apply for a certificate of permanent residence. • Certificate of the right of permanent residence is issued by the Foreigners' Registration Office after the existence of the required periods of residence has been checked

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- No uninterrupted stay in Germany required;
- the following absences from the Federal territory are irrelevant: a total of six months a year, completion of military service or alternative service, and once for up to twelve consecutive months for good cause
- In individual cases, the Foreigners' Registration Office can check the legality of the periods of residence completed, i.e. whether the requirements of the right of free movement have been fulfilled for the entire period.
- Certificate only serves to confirm that the right of permanent residence has been acquired (not an administrative act)
- Under certain conditions, a right of permanent residence may be acquired before the expiry of five years; Clarification as to whether there is an exception is carried out by the competent immigration authority.
- Absence for more than two consecutive years may result in the loss of the right of permanent residence.
- Certificate is issued indefinitely
- Certificate is not an identity document; it cannot be used to prove identity (does not carry a photograph, does not need to be updated)
- For persons who have not yet reached the age of 18, the consent of a person with custody is required.
- Depending on the Foreigners' Registration Office, it is possible to apply via the Internet or in person
- The certificate is subject to a fee; Time and form of payment vary

Responsible: the immigration authority responsible for the place of residence of the applicant

Ansprechpunkt

Please contact the Foreigners' Registration Office.

Zuständige Stelle

Formulare

- Online procedure occasionally possible
- Written form required: yes
- Personal appearance required: yes

Ursprungsportal

Bescheinigung über das Daueraufenthaltsrecht für freizügigkeitsberechtigte Unionsbürger beantragen, Apply for a certificate of permanent residence for Union citizens entitled to free movement