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Apply for naturalization for foreigners with naturalization entitlement

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Leistungsschlüssel	99099002067003, 99099002067003
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for naturalization for foreigners with naturalization entitlement
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for German citizenship (for foreigners eligible for naturalization)
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Thüringen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Staatsangehörigkeit (099)
Verrichtungskennung	Verleihung (067)





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SDG-Informationsbereich	Voraussetzungen für die Einbürgerung von Staatsangehörigen eines anderen Mitgliedstaats
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100), Einbürgerung (1080300)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	20.01.2023
Fachlich freigegen durch	Thuringian Ministry of the Interior and Local Affairs
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/10.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/10.html
Teaser	If you are a foreigner and wish to become a German citizen with all rights and obligations, you are entitled to naturalization under certain conditions.
Volltext	With naturalization you receive German citizenship and become an equal citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany with all rights and obligations. With German citizenship you can, among other things • exercise your right to vote in the federal states and for the German Bundestag, • enjoy freedom of movement within the European Union as a citizen of the Union, • travel outside Europe to many countries without a visa. If you meet the requirements, you are entitled to acquire German citizenship: • You must have been lawfully ordinarily resident in Germany for 8 years. • Your identity and citizenship have been clarified. • You are capable of acting or legally represented.
	 You are in possession of a residence title that is based on permanent residence or an unlimited right of residence. You are able to support yourself and your dependent family members without receiving certain public benefits. You have not been convicted of a criminal offense. You have sufficient knowledge of the German





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language (level B1).

- You have civic knowledge, in principle to be proven by a naturalization test.
- You give up or lose your foreign citizenship.
- Your integration into German living conditions is guaranteed, i.e. in particular you are not married to several spouses at the same time.
- You are committed to the free democratic basic order of the Basic Law, i.e. you do not support or have not supported any anti-constitutional or extremist activities, unless you have credibly turned away from previous persecution or support.

Naturalization becomes effective upon delivery of the naturalization certificate. The competent authority is the citizenship authority responsible for your place of residence (administrative district or independent city).

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Valid national passport or official identity document with photo
- Valid residence permit
- Civil status documents (birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree or death certificate of spouse, if applicable), with translation, legalization or apostille, if applicable
- School, vocational, training and/or study qualifications obtained in Germany
- if you are a pupil: 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 / pension insurance history (issued by the German Pension Insurance)
- if you are self-employed: Business registration, current income tax assessment and proof of profit earned (for example, by means of an informal certificate from your tax advisor or tax consultant regarding net income or business evaluation)
- Rental agreement
- · Proof of health insurance coverage
- Proof of old-age provision (for example, real estate ownership, private life insurance / pension insurance)
- Proof of renunciation or loss of previous citizenship
- · Proof of sufficient German language skills (for





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example, certificate B1); for children under 16 years of age, age-appropriate language development is sufficient

- Proof of civic knowledge (e.g. by certificate "Living in Germany/Naturalization Test") from the age of 16 onwards
- for minors: Proof of custody (for example, in the case of divorced or unmarried parents by custody decree)
- in the case of joint parental custody: declaration of consent from the other parent with custody rights
- The declaration of belief in the free democratic basic order and the declaration of loyalty must be submitted at the personal interview from the age of 16.

Further documents may be added depending on the individual case. Please note the following information:

- When presenting foreign documents, please refer to the information on the homepage of the German Foreign Office under the term "Internationaler Urkundenverkehr".
- You must submit foreign documents with a translation by an authorized translator. You can find out which translator or translator is approved in the "Interpreter and Translator Database".
- The translation must be firmly attached and sealed to a copy of the document.

https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de https://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de

Voraussetzungen

Entitlement to naturalization in accordance with § 10 of the Nationality Act (StAG) requires an application.

- You must have been lawfully ordinarily resident in Germany for 8 years. Shortening to 7 years: in case of successful attendance of an integration course with written proof. Possibility of shortening to up to 6 years: in the case of special integration achievements, particularly good academic, vocational or professional achievements or civic commitment.
- Your identity and nationality have been clarified.
- You are capable of acting or legally represented. Anyone who has reached the age of 16 is capable of





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acting.

- At the time of naturalization you possess an unlimited right of residence for example, settlement permit; Union citizens entitled to freedom of movement and nationals of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland and their family members; Turkish employees or their family members who have a right of residence on the basis of the EU's right of association with Turkey or who have a residence title that is based on the principle of permanent residence are not eligible for naturalization, for example, a residence permit for the purpose of studying.
- You are able to support yourself and your dependent family members without receiving certain public benefits, i.e. without benefits from basic security for jobseekers or social assistance, unless you are not responsible for claiming social benefits.
- You are not convicted of a criminal offense. This means that you have neither been sentenced to a penalty nor has a measure of betterment and security been ordered against you due to incapacity. Not taken into account: Educational measures or disciplinary measures under the Juvenile Court Act, sentences to fines of up to 90 daily rates (several fines are added together, the sum of the added sentences may not exceed the limit of 90 daily rates or may exceed it only slightly), sentences to imprisonment of up to 3 months suspended and remitted after the expiry of the probationary period. These exceptions do not apply if you have been sentenced to imprisonment, a fine or a juvenile sentence for an unlawful anti-Semitic, racist, xenophobic or other inhumane act and such motivation has been established as part of the sentence. If an investigation is currently being conducted on suspicion of a criminal offense, the naturalization procedure must be suspended until the proceedings have been concluded.
- You have sufficient knowledge of the German language (level B1). Exception: This requirement is waived if you are unable to fulfill it due to a physical, mental or psychological illness or disability, or due to your age.
- You have civic knowledge, to be proven in principle by a naturalization test. Exception: This is waived if you cannot fulfill this requirement due to a physical, mental





or psychological illness or disability or due to age.

- You give up or lose your foreign citizenship. Exception: Nationals of member states of the European Union and Switzerland, refugees and persons from states in which a renunciation of the foreign nationality is not possible or only possible under particularly difficult conditions.
- Your integration into German living conditions is guaranteed, which means in particular that you are not married to several spouses at the same time.
- You declare your support for the free democratic basic order of the Basic Law and give a declaration of loyalty (from the age of 16). This means that you do not support or have not supported any anti-constitutional or extremist activities, unless you have credibly turned away from previous persecution or support.

Kosten

- The regular fee is EUR 255.00.
- In the case of co-naturalized minor children who have no income of their own within the meaning of the Income Tax Act, the fee is EUR 51.00.

Prepayment: possible

Verfahrensablauf

An application is possible online or by written application:

- First of all, an initial interview is required, among other things to make a declaration of belief in the free democratic basic order, identity verification and clarification, verification of the authenticity of foreign documents.
- The naturalization authority checks the requirements and decides on your application.

The rest of the procedure now depends on whether you are allowed to keep your previous citizenship or whether you have to give it up:

- If you cannot give up your previous nationality or can do so only under particularly difficult conditions, you will be naturalized while accepting multiple nationality.
- In all other cases, renunciation of the previous nationality is required for naturalization.
- If the previous nationality can be renounced before





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	citizen or German national. • Before being handed over, you must make the following solemn declaration: "I solemnly declare that I will respect the Basic Law and the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany and refrain from doing anything that could harm it."
Bearbeitungsdauer	
Frist	If an assurance of naturalization is given, it is usually limited to 2 years; it can be extended. During this time, the release from the previous citizenship is to be brought about.
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	 Naturalization Award of German citizenship for foreigners with naturalization entitlement. With naturalization you acquire German citizenship with all rights and obligations. The German citizenship enables among other things to exercise the right to vote in the federal states and for the German Bundestag, to enjoy freedom of





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movement within the European Union as a citizen of the Union, to travel outside Europe to many countries without a visa.

- Provided that the requirements are met, there is an entitlement to acquire German citizenship: Legal habitual residence in Germany for 8 years, identity and citizenship have been clarified, capacity to act or legal representation is present Possession of a residence title based on permanent residence or an unlimited right of residence The applicant must be able to support himself/herself and his/her dependent family members without receiving certain public benefits. not convicted of a criminal offense sufficient knowledge of the German language (level B1) civic knowledge, in principle to be proven by a naturalization test renunciation or loss of foreign citizenship integration into German living conditions is guaranteed, i.e. in particular exclusion of simultaneous marriage to several wives or husbands Commitment to the free democratic basic order of the Basic Law, i.e. exclusion of current and former support of anti-constitutional or extremist activities. In the case of previous support, credible renunciation of previous persecution or support is required.
- Naturalization becomes effective upon delivery of the naturalization certificate.
- Responsible: Citizenship authority of the respective place of residence.

Ansprechpunkt

Please contact the citizenship authority (Landkreis or kreisfreie Stadt) responsible for your respective place of residence.

Persons living permanently abroad can only be naturalized as an exception and under other conditions than for naturalization in Germany. The Federal Office of Administration in Cologne is responsible for them. The first point of contact can be the locally responsible German mission abroad (embassy, consulate general or other consular office).

Zuständige Stelle

Formulare

Forms available: Yes





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	Written form required: No
	Informal application possible: Yes
	Personal appearance required: Yes
Ursprungsportal	Einbürgerung beantragen für Ausländer mit Einbürgerungsanspruch, Apply for naturalization for foreigners with naturalization entitlement