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# Citizenship - Retention of German citizenship

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99099001006000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Citizenship - Retention of German citizenship
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	1 - Bund: Regelung und Vollzug, 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	Genehmigung (006)
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	Ausweise (1070100), Auswanderung (1120300)
Einheitlicher	

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Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	02.05.2017
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Thuringian Ministry of the Interior and Local Affairs
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/BJNR005830913.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/BJNR005830913.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/BJNR005830913.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/BJNR005830913.html</a>
Teaser	Here you will find information on retaining German citizenship.
Volltext	<p>A German loses his citizenship with the voluntary acquisition of a foreign citizenship (Section 25 (1) sentence 1 Citizenship Act - StAG). In addition to an application for naturalization, the acquisition of a foreign nationality also includes acquisition on the basis of an option, by registration or declaration.</p> <p>The loss of German citizenship does not occur if the German acquires the citizenship of another member state of the European Union, Switzerland or a state with which the Federal Republic of Germany has concluded a corresponding treaty under international law (Section 25 (1) sentence 2 StAG). In all other cases, the loss of German citizenship is avoided only if written permission to retain German citizenship has been granted prior to the acquisition of the foreign citizenship. Subsequent approval is not possible.</p> <p>A retention permit may be granted if public or private interests justify the acquisition of the foreign citizenship and the continued existence of the German citizenship and no intergovernmental interests oppose the granting.</p> <p>The decision in the retention procedure must be awaited before the other nationality is accepted or acquired. Otherwise, with the acquisition of the foreign citizenship, e.g. by naturalization, the German citizenship is automatically lost by operation of law.</p> <p>The retention permit should be kept carefully, as it</p>

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	<p>serves as proof of the continued existence of German citizenship despite the acquisition of another citizenship. Descendants who derive their German citizenship may also need to be able to prove this one day.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for a retention permit</li> <li>• German passport and federal identity card</li> <li>• extended information from the civil register not older than 6 months</li> <li>• documents about birth, parentage and civil status</li> <li>• curriculum vitae</li> <li>• statement on the continuation of ties to Germany</li> <li>• Detailed description of the reasons for the necessity of acquiring the other citizenship and proof of this</li> <li>• Confirmation of naturalization from the other country (if available)</li> </ul> <p>The original documents must be submitted with the application. Additional documents may be required.</p>
Voraussetzungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possession of German citizenship</li> <li>• Public or private interests justify the continued possession of German citizenship as well as the acquisition of foreign citizenship.</li> <li>• The other nationality law allows the possession of two or more nationalities.</li> </ul>
Kosten	<p>The application is subject to a fee: 255,00 Euro with the exception of the cases of § 29 Abs. 4 StAG</p>
Verfahrensablauf	
Bearbeitungsdauer	
Frist	<p>The retention permit must be applied for before acquiring the foreign citizenship.</p>
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retention of German citizenship Permission</li> <li>• A German loses his or her nationality with the</li> </ul>

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voluntary acquisition of a foreign nationality (Section 25, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 of the Nationality Act - StAG). In addition to an application for naturalization, the acquisition of a foreign nationality is also deemed to be the acquisition on the basis of an option, by registration or declaration.

- The loss of German citizenship does not occur if the German acquires the citizenship of another member state of the European Union, Switzerland or a state with which the Federal Republic of Germany has concluded a corresponding treaty under international law (Section 25 (1) sentence 2 StAG). In all other cases, the loss of German citizenship is avoided only if written permission to retain German citizenship has been granted prior to the acquisition of the foreign citizenship. Subsequent approval is not possible.
- A retention permit may be granted if public or private interests justify the acquisition of the foreign citizenship and the continued existence of the German citizenship and no intergovernmental interests oppose the granting.
- The decision in the retention procedure must be awaited before the other nationality is accepted or acquired. Otherwise, with the acquisition of the foreign citizenship, e.g. by naturalization, the German citizenship is automatically lost by operation of law.
- The retention permit should be kept carefully, as it serves as proof of the continued existence of German citizenship despite the acquisition of another citizenship. Descendants who derive their German citizenship may also need to be able to prove this one day.
- Fees apply.
- Responsible: for permanent residence in Germany (Free State of Thuringia) to the citizenship authority responsible for your place of residence at your district or district-free city, outside Germany to the German mission abroad or the Federal Office of Administration in Cologne.

## Ansprechpunkt

For individual advice and application, please contact the following in case of permanent residence

- in Germany (Free State of Thuringia), please contact the citizenship authority responsible for your place of

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	<p>residence in your administrative district or your independent town or city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outside Germany, please contact the German diplomatic mission abroad or the Federal Office of Administration in Cologne</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Home/home_node.html">https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Home/home_node.html</a>  <a href="https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Home/home_node.html">https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Home/home_node.html</a></p>
Zuständige Stelle	<p>The decision on the retention application is made by the Thuringian State Administration Office if the applicant is domiciled or permanently resides in the Free State of Thuringia. In the case of permanent residence abroad, the Federal Office of Administration decides on the application for retention.</p>
Formulare	<p>The application should be made in writing. An official form is not prescribed. To facilitate the application, the citizenship authorities provide forms. A personal visit is required. It is advisable to make an appointment in advance.</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Staatsangehörigkeit - Beibehaltung der deutschen Staatsangehörigkeit, Citizenship - Retention of German citizenship</p>