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# Apply for a negative certificate (for citizenship)

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99099008037003, 99099008037003
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a negative certificate (for citizenship)
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Typisierung	1 - Bund: Regelung und Vollzug, 3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Staatsangehörigkeit (099)
Verrichtungskennung	Feststellung (037)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Voraussetzungen für die Einbürgerung von Staatsangehörigen eines anderen Mitgliedstaats
Lagen Portalverbund	Einbürgerung (1080300), Einwanderung (1080100)

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Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	08.02.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior and Local Government of the State of Brandenburg
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_30.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_30.html</a>
Teaser	Official proof of non-existence of German citizenship (examination and determination).
Volltext	<p>If you require official proof that you do not have German citizenship, you can apply to the citizenship authority for a declaration of non-existence of German citizenship. If it can be established that you do not have German citizenship, a so-called negative certificate will be issued.</p> <p>You will need a negative certificate, for example, if you have been asked by an authority abroad (e.g. in your country of origin or in your parents' country of origin) to provide official proof that you do not have German citizenship or if this is required in order to use the consular services of another country's diplomatic mission in Germany.</p> <p>A negative certificate is often required, for example, if you were born in Germany, are descended from German ancestors or have lived in Germany for a very long time.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully completed application form</li> <li>• Proof of identity (foreign passport, recognized foreign passport replacement document or another official foreign identity document with photograph, for example an identity card or ID card)</li> <li>• Proof that German citizenship was not acquired or was previously held but has since been lost, e.g. through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German visas, residence permits, other residence titles and certificates of residence rights in Germany,</li> <li>• if German citizenship was previously held: old German identity documents (e.g. German passport, identity card; children's identity card),</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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- Documents on the acquisition of another nationality (e.g. foreign naturalization certificate),
- documents relating to voluntary enlistment in the armed forces of a foreign country,
- adoption documents,
- documents and certificates concerning a change of name.

## Voraussetzungen

- You do not have German citizenship.
- You usually reside in Germany.
- You must credibly demonstrate a legitimate interest in a negative determination and certificate. Such an interest is credible if you state certain facts which make it appear predominantly probable to the citizenship authority that the negative determination is relevant for a purpose worthy of protection.

## Kosten

(for the declaratory decision) EUR 51

A fee reduction or fee exemption may be granted for reasons of equity or public interest.

There are no additional costs for issuing a negative certificate.

For special shipping options (e.g. registered mail or cash on delivery), additional expenses will be charged to cover the costs.

A negative certificate will only be sent if the determination fee and any expenses have been paid in advance or if cash on delivery is requested.

Additional costs may be incurred for the procurement of documents, translations and certifications.

## Verfahrensablauf

- You must apply to the competent citizenship authority for a declaration of non-existence of German citizenship and the issue of a negative certificate.
  - To submit your application, use the application form provided by the citizenship authority for download or sent to you on request.
  - Submit the completed application form with all documents (see "Required documents") in clearly legible copies (on white paper, DIN A4) to the

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citizenship authority.

- Once the application documents have been received, the citizenship authority will contact you. You do not need to do anything else before then
- In the course of the procedure, the citizenship authority will ask you to submit the original documents for verification; you will then receive the documents back

## Bearbeitungsdauer

The duration of the application processing depends, among other things, on the factual accuracy of your information and the completeness of your application documents. It also depends on which, if any, difficult facts need to be determined in order to be able to make the requested determination. Depending on this, it may take a few weeks or even longer than a year to reach a final decision on your application.

## Frist

The negative certificate is issued for an unlimited period.

## weiterführende Informationen

[https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Feststellung\\_Start/Negativbescheinigung/Negativbescheinigung\\_node.html](https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Feststellung_Start/Negativbescheinigung/Negativbescheinigung_node.html)

## Hinweise

- Negative certificates are only issued if this is necessary to prove the non-existence of German citizenship to foreign public authorities or is at least specifically useful in individual cases. Applications to establish the non-existence of German citizenship will not be granted without a justified reason.
- The negative certificate is not a certificate of citizenship, but an informal certificate bearing an official seal. Experience has shown that these certificates are recognized in other countries.
- The negative certificate certifies that you do not have German citizenship on the day it is issued.

## Rechtsbehelf

## Kurztext

- German citizenship Determination of non-existence upon application
- A negative certificate is issued if the citizenship authority determines that German citizenship does not exist.

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- The citizenship authority certifies the non-existence of German citizenship if a legitimate interest in a declaratory judgment can be proven.
- There is a legitimate interest in a determination if official proof is required for presentation to foreign authorities (e.g. in the country of origin or in the country of origin of the parents) or when using consular services of the diplomatic mission of another country in Germany that German citizenship was not acquired during the stay in Germany (in particular neither by birth in Germany nor by naturalization or declaration).
- The decision of the citizenship authority is subject to a fee.
- Responsible: the German citizenship authority responsible at the place of habitual residence (center of life) of the applicant

**Ansprechpunkt**
**Zuständige Stelle**
**Formulare**

Personal appearance required: Yes

**Ursprungsportal**

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 Negativbescheinigung beantragen (zur  
 Staatsangehörigkeit)