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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99099002067004, 99099002067006
Leistungsbezeichnung I	
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Naturalization; application for the granting of German citizenship to foreigners without a claim to naturalization (discretionary naturalization)
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Bayern
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher	





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Ansprechpartner	
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Fachlich freigegen durch	Bayerisches Staatsministerium des Innern und für Integration (Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior, for Sport and Integration)
Handlungsgrundlage	http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/8.html http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/8.html http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/9.html http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/9.html http://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsv wvbund_13122000_V612400513.htm http://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsv wvbund_13122000_V612400513.htm https://www.gesetze-bayern.de/Content/Document/Ba yZVStaatsABehoede https://www.gesetze-bayern.de/Content/Document/Ba yZVStaatsABehoede
Teaser	Foreigners who do not or do not yet meet the requirements for naturalization can be naturalized at their discretion, provided certain conditions are met.
Volltext	Naturalization is the granting of German citizenship to a foreigner. It must be applied for and is carried out by issuing a special naturalization certificate. A foreigner whose identity and citizenship have been clarified, who is legally resident in Germany at the time of naturalization but does not meet the requirements for entitlement to naturalization, can be naturalized on a discretionary basis upon application. The foreigner must be able to support themselves and their dependent family members from their own resources and must not have a criminal record. If they meet these requirements, the citizenship authority will check whether there is a public (state) interest in naturalization. In principle, the applicant must have been a legal resident in Germany for five years. For German married couples, the period of residence can be





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reduced to three years. Furthermore, the period of residence can be shortened to three years if proof of special integration achievements can be provided (secure livelihood for the applicant and all dependants, particularly good educational, vocational or professional achievements and fulfillment of the requirements for the language test at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Erforderliche Unterlagen

Citizenship application

Pre-printed forms are available from the district administration authority.

- Passport or identity card for EU citizens
- Demonstration of knowledge of the legal and social order and the living conditions in Germany through presentation of a certificate of successful citizenship test completion or a certificate of graduation from a German academic secondary school
- Proof of sufficient oral and written German language skills (school reports, certificates, etc.)
- Supporting documents proving the foreign national's income, retirement provisions, medical insurance and long-term care insurance, also for his or her dependents, where applicable
- Upon reasoned request by the competent authority, proof of marital status (e.g. birth certificate, marriage certificate if applicable, divorce decree if applicable)
- In particular cases, the presentation of additional documents may be necessary Foreign official deeds and documents need to be translated.

Voraussetzungen

Discretionary naturalization can be considered if the following requirements are met:

- a permanent right of residence at the time of naturalization
- Proof of knowledge of the legal and social order and living conditions in Germany. This proof is not required for former guest workers or contract workers of the former GDR and their spouses who have joined them in the same period.
 - five years of legal residence in Germany (this period





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	can be shortened to three years in the case of special integration achievements). For German spouses who have been married for two years, the period is reduced to three years. • In principle, independent means of subsistence (also for dependent family members) without recourse to public benefits (exceptions are possible in the case of receipt of benefits for which the applicant is not responsible). • Proof of sufficient oral and written knowledge of German: https://www.stmi.bayern.de/media/_bayernportal/positivliste-stmi-2024.docx In the case of former guest workers or contract workers from the former GDR and their spouses who joined them in the same period, it is sufficient if they can make themselves understood verbally in German without any significant problems in everyday life. • No conviction for a criminal offense • Commitment to the free democratic basic order of the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany and to Germany's special historical responsibility • no polygamy and no evidence of disregard for equal rights for men and women
Kosten	In principle: 255.00 euros Minor children without their own income who are naturalized together with their parents: 51.00 euros Additional costs may arise • for the submission of civil status certificates • for proof of civic knowledge or language skills • for translations of foreign documents by sworn translators and certification fees
Verfahrensablauf	You can apply for naturalization at your district office or, if you live in an independent city, at the city administration online or in paper form. The decision on the application is made by the respective government of your administrative district.
Bearbeitungsdauer	





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weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	For individual advice and application - also with regard to the required documents - please contact the district administrative authority responsible for your place of residence.
Rechtsbehelf	An appeal against a negative decision by the authority can be brought before the competent administrative court.
Kurztext	
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	BayernPortal, BayernPortal