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# Residence permit issued for family reasons for the family reunification of a foreign minor child with a German parent

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010023001002
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Residence permit issued for family reasons for the family reunification of a foreign minor child with a German parent
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for a residence permit for a foreign child to join a German parent
Typisierung	3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">entry</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">residence permit</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">underage</div>, <div

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	lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">immigration</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">family</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Right of residence</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">§ 28 Residence Act (AufenthG)</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	17.04.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	Section 28 paragraph 1 sentence 1 number 2 Residence Act (AufenthG) <a href="http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_28.html">www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_28.html</a>
Teaser	Foreign, minor, unmarried children can obtain a residence permit for family reunification in order to establish a family life with a German parent.
Volltext	As a legal representative, you can apply for a residence permit for a foreign, underage, unmarried child if you have your habitual residence in Germany and would like the child to be able to live with you in Germany.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	Recognized and valid identity document (e.g. passport or passport substitute) of the child and of you as a parent Your child's visa, if required for entry Current biometric photo of your child in passport format (45 x 35 mm) Your child's birth certificate If the parents are not married and the child is to join the German father. Proof of recognition of paternity If a parent with custody remains abroad: Proof of custody Consent of the parent living abroad. The documents and information must generally be presented in German. In individual cases, the immigration authorities may

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	require less or more evidence.
Voraussetzungen	<p>You, as the parent with custody, have German citizenship and are habitually resident in Germany. Your child has a valid identity document. Your child has the necessary visa if this was required for entry. When you apply, your child is a minor and is neither married nor divorced or widowed. Your paternity or maternity of the child is proven. You are actually and legally willing and able to establish a family relationship with the child moving in. This is assumed if you have custody of your child. (However, custody is not a prerequisite for the granting of a residence permit.) There is no reason for your child to be deported.</p>
Kosten	50,00 EUR Additional fees may apply for issuing the residence permit in the form of an electronic residence permit, which can also be used as electronic proof of identity.
Verfahrensablauf	<p>You make an appointment with the responsible office. During the appointment, your identity and the identity of the child as well as the available documents will be checked (please bring all documents, if possible in the original, with you to the appointment). If your application is approved, your child's fingerprints will be taken to produce the electronic residence permit (eAT card for short). Fingerprints will not be taken for children under the age of six. The responsible authority commissions the production of the eAT card from the Federal Printing Office. Once the eAT card has been completed, you will receive information and can collect the eAT card in person from the responsible office. If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice.</p>
Bearbeitungsdauer	6 - 8 weeks
Frist	The residence permit is issued for at least one year. It can be extended as long as the family continues to live together. After holding the residence permit for three years, it is possible to obtain a settlement permit.
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Hinweise	The residence permit is issued for a limited period of time. The residence permit for your child corresponds to the duration of your residence permit. This means that after the period of validity has expired, you must arrange for an extension of your residence permit and the residence permit for your child yourself. There is no right to reunification for stepchildren and foster children. However, it is possible to obtain a residence permit on another basis.
Rechtsbehelf	contradiction
Kurztext	Apply for a residence permit for a foreign child to join a German parent Right of unmarried minor children to join their German parent possible A residence permit can be issued upon application
Ansprechpunkt	If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to  Authority finder Hamburg
Zuständige Stelle	Hamburg services
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Behördenfinder Hamburg, Authority finder Hamburg (Currently this link is only available in german)