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# German nationality Determination of the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany within the framework of the option obligation

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Leistungsschlüssel	99099008037005, 99099008037005
Leistungsbezeichnung I	German nationality Determination of the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany within the framework of the option obligation
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	1 - Bund: Regelung und Vollzug, 3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hessen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	

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Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Staatsangehörigkeit (099)
Verrichtungskennung	Feststellung (037)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Voraussetzungen für die Einbürgerung von Staatsangehörigen eines anderen Mitgliedstaats
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100), Einbürgerung (1080300)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	20.10.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Hessian Ministry of the Interior and Sport
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_29.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_29.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_29.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_29.html</a>
Teaser	German citizenship: Determination of the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany within the framework of the option obligation.
Volltext	<p>Since the possession of several nationalities is only possible in exceptional cases, if you have other nationalities in addition to the German citizenship acquired at your birth in Germany, you must declare after the age of 21 whether you want to retain German or foreign citizenship (option procedure).</p> <p>Before you reach the age of 21, you can apply to the citizenship authority for binding official proof that you are not subject to an option in Germany and do not have to declare after reaching the age of 21 whether you want to retain German citizenship or foreign citizenship of the nationalities you acquired in Germany when you were born.</p> <p>The citizenship authority determines the continued existence of German citizenship, among other things, if you grew up in Germany. You are considered to have "grown up in Germany" if you</p>

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- eight years had their center of life in Germany,
- have attended school in Germany for six years,
- have a school leaving certificate obtained in Germany or a vocational training completed in Germany, or
- in addition to German citizenship, only other Member States of the European Union or Switzerland have acquired by birth.

If the nationality authority accepts your application, it will give you a written decision. You do not need to do anything else and retain your German citizenship even if you do not give up your foreign citizenship.

If, in addition to German citizenship, you only have the nationality of another member state of the European Union or the nationality of Switzerland, it is obvious to public authorities in Germany that you are not subject to an option. You should then check whether you really have reason to apply for the declaration anyway.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Proof of identity (valid German passport or identity card)
- Proof of acquisition of German citizenship by birth and current possession of German citizenship: birth certificate, nationality certificate if applicable
- Proof of possession of foreign nationalities: foreign identity documents (passport, certificates of nationality), if necessary also for the parents
- Proof of non-existence of an option obligation: School reports proving that the applicant has attended school in Germany for at least six years, or Certificates of a school leaving certificate obtained in Germany or vocational training completed in Germany.

## Voraussetzungen

- You have not yet reached the age of 21.
- In addition to at least one foreign nationality acquired by descent from your parents, you have also acquired German citizenship by birth in Germany.
- You are currently in possession of German citizenship; it must not have been lost after your birth, for example by applying for another nationality.
- They are considered to have "grown up in Germany", i.e. You have or have had your center of life for eight years in Germany, You attended school in Germany for six years, You have obtained a school leaving certificate

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	or completed vocational training in Germany, or In addition to German citizenship, you only have EU citizenship or that of Switzerland
Kosten	Gebühr: Es fallen keine Kosten an Application for a declaration
Verfahrensablauf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must apply to the competent citizenship authority for a determination of the continued existence of German citizenship (non-existence of an option obligation).</li> <li>• Upon receipt of the application documents, the citizenship authority will contact you. You don't need to do anything before you</li> <li>• If it is determined that you are not subject to an option, you will be issued with a notification of the continued existence of your German citizenship.</li> </ul>
Bearbeitungsdauer	Depending on the individual case. The duration of the application processing depends, among other things, on the factual accuracy of your information and the completeness of your application documents.
Frist	The notification of the continued existence of German citizenship (non-existence of an option obligation) is issued once and should therefore be kept safely and permanently. It will not be reissued if it is lost.
weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German nationality Determination of the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany within the framework of the option obligation</li> <li>• In principle, persons who possess other foreign citizenship in addition to the German citizenship acquired (acquired in Germany at birth) must declare after reaching the age of 21 which nationality they wish to retain (option obligation). Possession of several nationalities is only possible in exceptional cases.</li> <li>• Before reaching the age of 21, exemption from the option obligation and the determination of the</li> </ul>

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continued existence of German citizenship can be applied for.

- The citizenship authority determines the continued existence of German citizenship, inter alia, if the applicant grew up in Germany, i.e.: eight years had or has lived in Germany, has attended school in Germany for six years, has a school leaving certificate obtained in Germany or completed vocational training in Germany, or in addition to German citizenship, has acquired by birth only nationalities of other Member States of the European Union or Switzerland.
- With the determination of the non-existence of the option obligation, an option procedure does not have to be carried out and the German citizenship can continue to exist while retaining the other nationalities.
- The determination shall be made free of charge by means of a written decision.
- responsible: the competent German nationality authority at the place of habitual residence (centre of life) of the applicant

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

Personal appearance required: No

**Ursprungsportal**

Deutsche Staatsangehörigkeit Feststellung des Fortbestehens der deutschen Staatsangehörigkeit für im Inland geborene Kinder im Rahmen der Optionspflicht, German nationality Determination of the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany within the framework of the option obligation