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Birth abroad

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Leistungsschlüssel	99027003000000, 99027003000000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Birth abroad
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Birth of a child abroad and German citizenship
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt
Leistungsgruppierung	Geburt (027)
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	Geburt, Sorgerecht für Minderjährige, elterliche Pflichten, Vorschriften für Leihmutterschaft und Adoption, einschließlich Stiefkindadoption, Unterhaltspflichten für Kinder bei grenzüberschreitenden familiären Gegebenheiten
Lagen Portalverbund	Nach der Geburt (1010200), Urkunden und

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	Bescheinigungen (1070200)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	09.11.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia
Handlungsgrundlage	http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/_36.html http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_4.html https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br_show_anlage?p_id=41262 http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/_36.html http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_4.html https://recht.nrw.de/lmi/owa/br_show_anlage?p_id=41262
Teaser	Are you interested in notarizing a birth that took place abroad in a German birth register? You can find out more here.
Volltext	<p>If your child is born abroad, it is advisable to apply for the birth to be certified in a German birth register (subsequent certification) if at least one parent has German citizenship. In this way, you also determine the name. At the same time, possession of German citizenship is checked and confirmed in the procedure. If your child born abroad to you as German parents or a German mother or father is to acquire German citizenship, you must have this procedure carried out within one year of the birth. In your application, you can request the issue of one or more German birth certificates. You can use these in future with all German authorities, including as proof of your child's name and nationality. At the same time, you can also apply for multilingual versions, so-called international birth certificates. This has the advantage that you no longer have to have your foreign certificates translated later.</p> <p>As a German citizen living abroad, you can apply for the birth of your child to be certified in a German birth register via the German diplomatic mission responsible for you.</p>

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The registry office in whose jurisdiction the person born abroad has or last had their place of residence or habitual abode in Germany is responsible for certifying the birth of a German abroad. If this does not give rise to jurisdiction, the registry office in whose jurisdiction the applicant has or last had his or her place of residence or habitual abode in Germany shall certify the birth. If there is no jurisdiction, the registry office I in Berlin will notarize the birth.

Parents, spouses or partners or children of the person born abroad are also entitled to apply.

Details about the procedure can be obtained from the responsible German diplomatic mission abroad or viewed on their website.

At Standesamt I in Berlin, births of Germans abroad or on German ships are certified or certificates are issued for Germans who have never had a residence in Germany. If necessary, birth certificates or copies of certificates from the following registers can be obtained there:

- Consular registers,
- Registers from former German colonies,
- registry office records from the former German eastern territories, East Prussia, West Prussia, Upper Silesia, Lower Silesia and Pomerania,
- Registers for areas occupied during the Second World War, i.e. the Generalgouvernement, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, the Netherlands and Norway from 1940 to 1946.

Most of these register holdings have been handed over to the Landesarchiv Berlin by the Standesamt I in Berlin for reasons of responsibility or will be handed over in the coming years. Please note that the place where the person you are looking for lived is not necessarily the same as the location of the registry office responsible for the birth certificate at the time. You may have to look up where the responsible registry office was located, especially in smaller towns. Local registers in libraries can help with this.

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Alternatively, try searching the Internet.

If the registry office I in Berlin has a birth register entry for the person you have enquired about, the birth certificate will be issued against payment. Otherwise - for example, if records were destroyed during the war - you will receive a written confirmation that the registry office is not in a position to issue a birth certificate in your case.

Please provide a postal address with your request, as birth certificates cannot be sent by e-mail.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

You will need the following documents

- valid identity card or passport

You must also submit the following documents:

- foreign birth certificate with translation into German, which has been carried out and certified by an officially recognized translator and, if necessary, legalization or apostille (an international birth certificate may be sufficient)
- for naturalized citizens: additional naturalization certificate
- for persons entitled to asylum, stateless persons, homeless foreigners and foreign refugees: plus proof of special status

For representation additionally:

- Written power of attorney from the authorized person to whom the entry relates
- Valid identity card or passport of the authorized person

The registry office may request the submission of further documents if necessary.

Voraussetzungen

The following requirements must be met: Persons entitled to apply for the certification of a birth abroad:

- Parents, each parent separately,
- the child born abroad,

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- his or her spouse,
- their life partner,
- their children

Minimum age as applicant: 16 years
 To acquire German citizenship by birth: at least one parent must have German citizenship and apply for subsequent certification within one year of birth abroad

Kosten

Administrative fee for the subsequent certification of a birth abroad: EUR 40
 Administrative fee for issuing a birth certificate (first copy): EUR 10
 Administrative fee for the issue of further birth certificates, a copy or an extract, if they are applied for at the same time and produced in one go: EUR 10.
 are issued at the same time: EUR 5
 Municipalities in NRW can issue their own fee regulations (statutes) with different fee rates. The registry office I in Berlin charges its own fees on the basis of the fee law applicable in Berlin.

Verfahrensablauf

You have a birth that took place abroad notarized as follows:

- You submit an application for notarization of a birth abroad to the competent registry office in Germany or to the competent German diplomatic mission abroad.
- If the application is made in Germany, the registry office in whose jurisdiction either the child concerned or the person making the application in Germany has or last had his or her place of residence or habitual abode is responsible. Otherwise, the registry office I in Berlin is responsible.
- The respective German diplomatic mission abroad is responsible for applications made abroad.
- Standesamt I in Berlin is responsible for issuing birth certificates from birth registers from the former German territories and from the consular and colonial registers. If no records are available, you will receive a written confirmation of this.
- The parents, each parent, the child born abroad, their spouse, their partner and their children are entitled to apply.
- Birth certificates are only sent by post for a fee.

Bearbeitungsdauer

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Frist	Notification of birth at the competent German diplomatic mission abroad: within one year.
weiterführende Informationen	<p>Information on civil status law on the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/personenstandsrecht/personenstandsrecht-node.html Information on the registry office I in Berlin https://www.berlin.de/labo/buergerdienste/standesamt-i-in-berlin/</p>
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth abroad • German citizenship is acquired by birth if at least one parent has German citizenship • Birth abroad can be notarized in the birth register in Germany upon application • Entitled to apply:- parents of the child- person themselves- spouse- civil partner- child(ren) • Responsible:- in principle the registry office in whose jurisdiction the person born has or last had their place of residence or habitual abode- if there is no jurisdiction after this, then the registry office in whose jurisdiction the applicant has or last had their place of residence or habitual abode- if there is also no jurisdiction after this, then the registry office I in Berlin
Ansprechpunkt	responsible foreign representation
Zuständige Stelle	You can apply for a German identity document for your child at the diplomatic mission responsible for your place of residence.
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Birth abroad, Geburt im Ausland