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Request clarification of the non-existence of an option obligation

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Leistungsschlüssel	99099008037005, 99099008037005
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Request clarification of the non-existence of an option obligation
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Typisierung	1 - Bund: Regelung und Vollzug, 3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Thüringen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Staatsangehörigkeit (099)
Verrichtungskennung	Feststellung (037)

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SDG-Informationsbereich	Voraussetzungen für die Einbürgerung von Staatsangehörigen eines anderen Mitgliedstaats
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100), Einbürgerung (1080300)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	08.02.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior and Municipal Affairs of the State of Brandenburg
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_29.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_29.html
Teaser	German citizenship: Determining the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany as part of the option obligation
Volltext	<p>As it is only possible to hold several citizenships in exceptional cases, if you hold other citizenships in addition to the German citizenship you acquired at birth in Germany, you must generally declare whether you wish to retain your German or foreign citizenship after reaching the age of 21 (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 obligation in Germany and that you do not have to declare after you reach the age of 21 whether you wish to retain German citizenship or foreign citizenship of the citizenships you acquired at birth in Germany.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have or have had the center of your life in Germany for eight years, • attended school in Germany for six years, • have a school-leaving certificate obtained in Germany or have completed vocational training in Germany or • in addition to German nationality, you have only

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acquired nationality by birth from other member states of the European Union or Switzerland.

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

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

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Fully completed application form
- 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, certificate of citizenship if applicable
- Proof of possession of foreign citizenship: foreign identity documents (passport, citizenship certificates), also for the parents if applicable
- Proof of non-existence of an option obligation: School reports proving that the applicant went to school in Germany for at least six years or Certificates of a school-leaving qualification obtained in Germany or vocational training completed in Germany.

Voraussetzungen

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

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	training here or In addition to German citizenship, you only have EU citizenship or Swiss citizenship
Kosten	The declaratory decision is free of charge.
Verfahrensablauf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must apply to the relevant citizenship authority for confirmation of your continued German citizenship (non-existence of an option obligation). • To submit your application, use the application form provided for download by the citizenship authority or sent to you on request. • Submit the completed application form with all required documents (see "Required documents") in clearly legible copies (on white paper, DIN A4) to the 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. • If it is determined that you are not subject to the option requirement, you will be issued with a notice of continued German citizenship.
Bearbeitungsdauer	The duration of the application processing depends, among other things, on the factual accuracy of your information, the completeness of your application documents and the current capacities of the citizenship authority.
Frist	The notification of continued German citizenship (non-existence of an option obligation) is issued once and should therefore be stored securely and permanently. It will not be reissued if it is lost.
weiterführende Informationen	https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Optionsverfahren/Optionsverfahren_node.html https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Optionsverfahren/Optionsverfahren_node.html
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Kurztext

- German citizenship Determining the continued existence of German citizenship for children born in Germany as part of the option obligation
- In principle, persons who hold other foreign citizenships in addition to German citizenship (acquired at birth in Germany) must declare which citizenship they wish to retain after reaching the age of 21 (option obligation). The possession of several nationalities is only possible in exceptional cases.
- Before the age of 21, an application can be made for exemption from the option obligation and for the continued existence of German citizenship.
- The citizenship authority will determine the continued existence of German citizenship if, among other things, the applicant grew up in Germany, i.e: had or has their center of life in Germany for eight years, attended school in Germany for six years, has a school-leaving qualification obtained in Germany or has completed vocational training in Germany, or in addition to German citizenship, has only acquired citizenship of other Member States of the European Union or Switzerland by birth.
- If it is determined that the option obligation has not been fulfilled, an option procedure does not have to be carried out and German citizenship can continue to exist while retaining the other citizenships.
- The determination is made free of charge with a written decision.
- Responsible: the German citizenship authority responsible for the place of habitual residence (center of life) of the applicant

Ansprechpunkt
Zuständige Stelle

: The application is processed by theThe competent citizenship authority at the place of habitual residence of the applicant is responsible for processing the application.

Formulare

Personal appearance required: Yes

Ursprungsportal

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