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# Apply for citizenship card

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Leistungsschlüssel	99099008037001, 99099008037001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for citizenship card
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Typisierung	1 - Bund: Regelung und Vollzug, 3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Staatsangehörigkeit (099)
Verrichtungskennung	Feststellung (037)
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	Einbürgerung (1080300), Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein

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Fachlich freigegeben am	07.04.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_30.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/stag/_30.html</a>
Teaser	You can apply for the binding determination of your German citizenship if you have a legitimate interest in doing so.
Volltext	<p>You can file an application to establish the existence of your German nationality if there is a well-founded interest in establishing this.</p> <p>An interest in a determination exists, for example, if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German authorities or courts require you to have persisting doubts about your German nationality clarified by the nationality authority after their own examination of evidence already available (for example, German identity papers or birth certificates), or</li> <li>• you have to prove your German citizenship to German or foreign authorities or courts by means of a special document despite presenting a valid German proof of identity (e.g. passport or identity card).</li> </ul> <p>If, upon your application, the citizenship authority determines that you have German citizenship, you will receive a special document (citizenship certificate).</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed application form</li> <li>• Proof of identity (foreign passport, recognised foreign passport substitute document or other official foreign identity document with photograph, such as an identity card or identity card)</li> <li>• Proof that the German citizenship was in any case once possessed and, if applicable, is still possessed at present: German identity documents (e.g. passport, children's ID card, identity card), naturalization certificates, Certificates or documents attesting to the acquisition of German citizenship by declaration or option, Certificates of ethnic German repatriates, ID cards for displaced persons, Registration forms, Refugee ID cards, Certificates of citizenship, Certificates</li> </ul>

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of origin, Certificates or identity cards stating legal status as a German or German or Documents proving membership of the group of persons to whom a collective naturalisation extended (e.g. proof of - former - right of origin, citizenship or residence in the territories concerned, certificates of waiver of the right to waive).

## Voraussetzungen

- You have German citizenship or at least suspect this (for example because you have German ancestors).
- You usually stay in Germany.
- You must credibly demonstrate a justified interest in the determination. Such an interest is credible if you state certain facts which make it appear predominantly probable for the citizenship authority that the determination of the existence of German citizenship is relevant for a purpose worthy of protection (for example, because a German public authority has doubts about your German citizenship and expressly requires the presentation of a citizenship certificate).

## Kosten

The fee for the declaratory decision is 51 EUR

Remark:

For reasons of equity or public interest, fee reduction or fee exemption may be granted if necessary.

There are no additional costs for the issuance of the citizenship certificate.

Special shipping options (e.g., registered mail or cash on delivery) will incur additional expenses to cover costs.

A citizenship certificate will only be sent if the assessment fee and any expenses have been paid in advance or if cash on delivery is requested.

## Verfahrensablauf

- You must apply for the determination of the existence of German citizenship and the issuance of a citizenship certificate at the responsible citizenship authority.
- If necessary, a personal consultation at the citizenship authority may be required.

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- For your application, use the application form provided for this purpose by the citizenship authority for download or sent to you on request.
- Submit the completed application form with all documents (see "Required documents") in clearly legible copies (on white paper, DIN A4) to the citizenship authority.
- After receipt of the application documents, the citizenship authority will contact you. You do not need to do anything else before that.
- In the course of the procedure, the citizenship authority will ask you to submit the original documents to them for verification; you will then receive the documents back immediately.

## Bearbeitungsdauer

The duration of the application processing depends, among other things, on the factual correctness of your information and the completeness of your application documents. In addition, it depends on which, if any, difficult facts have to be determined in order to be able to make the requested determination. Depending on the circumstances, it may take a few weeks or even more than a year to reach a final decision on your application.

## Frist

The citizenship card is issued for an unlimited period of time.

## weiterführende Informationen

[https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Feststellung\\_Start/Feststellung/Feststellung\\_node.html](https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Feststellung_Start/Feststellung/Feststellung_node.html)  
[https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Feststellung\\_Start/Feststellung/Feststellung\\_node.html](https://www.bva.bund.de/DE/Services/Buerger/Ausweis-Dokumente-Recht/Staatsangehoerigkeit/Feststellung_Start/Feststellung/Feststellung_node.html)

## Hinweise

- Citizenship certificates are only issued if this is necessary to prove German citizenship to German or foreign public authorities or is at least specifically useful in individual cases (for example, for a civil service appointment or adoption). If the existence of German citizenship is not in doubt, applications for determination are generally not granted.
- The citizenship certificate is not proof of identity. It cannot be used for travel or as a substitute for an identity card.
- As a rule, you do not need a citizenship certificate to

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prove that you have German citizenship. In principle, it is sufficient to present a valid German passport or a valid German identity card. You should therefore only apply for a citizenship certificate if you have been requested to do so in text form by an official body.

**Rechtsbehelf**
**Kurztext**

- German citizenship Determination of existence on application
- A citizenship certificate is issued when the citizenship authority establishes the existence of German citizenship.
- The citizenship authority establishes the existence of German citizenship if a justified interest in establishing the existence of German citizenship is substantiated.
- A justified interest in ascertainment exists if certain doubts of German public bodies (authorities or courts) about the existence of German citizenship must be clarified, or very exceptionally, special documentary proof of German citizenship is required from German or foreign authorities or courts.
- The decision of the citizenship authority is subject to a fee.
- The citizenship certificate is issued for an unlimited period.
- Responsible: the German citizenship authority responsible at the place of habitual residence (center of life) of the person making the application.

**Ansprechpunkt**

The competent citizenship authority in the applicant's place of habitual residence is responsible for processing the application. In Lower Saxony, these are the rural districts, independent cities and large independent cities.

**Zuständige Stelle**
**Formulare**

Personal appearance required: Yes

**Ursprungsportal**

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