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Apply for settlement permit for minor foreign children

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| Leistungsgruppierung | Aufenthaltstitel (010) |
| Verrichtungskennung | Erteilung (001) |
| SDG-Informationsbereich | Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind |

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| Lagen Portalverbund | Einwanderung (1080100) |
| Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner | Nein |
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| Fachlich freigegeben durch | Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports |
| Handlungsgrundlage | https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_35.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_26.html |
| Teaser | As a child born and/or raised in Germany, you can, under certain conditions, obtain an independent (i.e. independent of your parents), unlimited right of residence (settlement permit) at the age of 16. |
| Volltext | <p>If you, as a minor foreign child, have a residence permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for family reasons (for example, to join or join a family member or due to birth in Germany) or • for humanitarian reasons (e.g. on the basis of entitlement to asylum or recognition as a refugee under the Geneva Refugee Convention) <p>you may, under certain conditions, be granted an unlimited right of residence in the form of a settlement permit.</p> |
| Erforderliche Unterlagen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized and valid identity document (for example passport or passport substitute) • Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm) • Proof of at least five years of residence in Germany (e.g. school, training or study certificates, proof of passed intermediate examinations or credit points, employment contract) • In the case of minors whose custodial parent cannot file the application jointly on behalf of their minor child: Written power of attorney from the absent parent. • Adult applicants also need: Proof of sufficient language skills at level B 1 of the Common European |

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Framework of Reference for Languages (for example, language certificate, German school, training certificates), Proof of subsistence and health insurance (e.g. proof of income, health insurance certificate) or proof of school or vocational training (school certificate, training contract or certificate from the training center, matriculation certificate).

Please note: If there is an illness or disability that prevents the acquisition of language skills or independent means of subsistence, this must be proven in an appropriate form (for example, specialist medical opinion, proof of institutional care).

The documents and information must always be presented in German. In individual cases, the Aliens Department may require less or further evidence.

Voraussetzungen

- You must have reached the age of 16.
- You must have been in possession of a valid residence permit for at least five years without interruption, which allows you to for family reasons (for example, to join a family member or because of birth in Germany) or for humanitarian reasons (e.g. on the basis of entitlement to asylum or recognition as a refugee in accordance with the Geneva Refugee Convention). has been granted.
- You should be able to demonstrate to the Aliens' Registration Office that you have resided in the Federal territory during the five years (for example, by providing proof of attendance at an educational institution or employment).
- There is no interest in your expulsion from the Federal territory.
- You must not have been sentenced to a juvenile penalty of at least six months or a prison sentence of at least three months or a fine of at least 90 daily rates for an intentional criminal offense in the last three years. The suspension of the imposition of a juvenile sentence on you may also prevent the issuance of a settlement permit.
- If you have reached the age of 18, moreover: You were granted a residence permit while still a minor (the granting of a settlement permit is also possible if you do not reach the five-year time limit until after you

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have reached the age of majority). You have knowledge of the German language at level B 1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (this is assumed if you have attended a German-language school for more than four years and have achieved at least an "Ausreichend" in German). Your livelihood is secured (for example, through your own income or the income of your parents) or you are in a training relationship that leads to a recognized school or vocational training qualification or a university degree (school attendance, in-company training or study).

Please note: If you suffer from an illness or disability that prevents you from acquiring the language skills or earning your own living, you do not have to meet these requirements.

Kosten

Cost amount (fixed):

- 55,00 for underage applicants
- 113,00 for adult applicants

Remark:

Additional fees may apply for the issuance of the settlement permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as electronic proof of identity.

Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.

Verfahrensablauf

- The permanent residence permit must be applied for before the validity of your current residence permit expires.
- If you have not yet reached the age of 18, you are not allowed to apply yourself, but you will need a representative (as a rule, the application is made by the parents with custody).
- Find out whether the responsible Foreigners' Registration Office allows you to apply online or whether a special application form is available.
- If the application is only possible in person, make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office. In the case of an online application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receipt of the

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application to make an appointment.

- If you have not yet reached the age of 18, you must be accompanied by at least one legal representative (usually a parent) at the personal interview. In the case of joint custody, the parents must generally appear together at the authority and jointly submit the application on your behalf. If one parent is unable to appear in person, the other parent with custody must be issued with a written power of attorney for the application.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring all documents, preferably in the original, to the appointment).
- If your application is granted, your fingerprints will be taken for the purpose of obtaining a permanent residence permit in the form of a new electronic residence permit (eAT card for short).
- The Foreigners' Registration Office commissions the production of the eAT card from the Federal Printing Office. After completion, you will receive information - if necessary from your representative - and can pick up the eAT card from the responsible office. The eAT card must always be picked up in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice - if necessary via your representative.

Bearbeitungsdauer

Duration (with span): approx. 6 to 8 weeks Note for further information on processing time: The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. It takes about 4 to 6 weeks for the Bundesdruckerei to produce the electronic residence permit.

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Duration (for span): 6 to 8 weeks Remark (for further information on the deadline): At least 6 to 8 weeks before the expiration of the current residence permit, the application should be received by the Foreigners' Registration Office. Remark (for further information on the deadline): The settlement permit is issued for an unlimited period of time. Only the electronic residence permit (eAT card) is issued for a limited period of time and must be renewed at the end of its validity. You can appeal against the rejection within one month after notification - if necessary through the representative.

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**weiterführende
Informationen**

<https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/MigrationAufenthalt/ZuwandererDrittstaaten/Migrathek/Niederlassen/niederlassen-node.html>
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Hinweise

- Children who have not yet reached the age of 18 may not submit the application themselves, but must be represented by a person with legal capacity (for example, by a parent with custody).
- When issuing a settlement permit, the foreigners authority may take into account circumstances such as the residence status of the parents or custodial parent.
- The procedure is usually conducted in German.
- Please make sure that you provide correct and complete information to the best of your knowledge. This is the only way the Foreigners' Registration Office can process your request without major delays.
- Incorrect or incomplete information can slow down the procedure and be disadvantageous for you. In a serious case, incorrect or incomplete information that is not completed or corrected in time vis-à-vis the Aliens' Registration Office may result in the revocation of residence rights already granted, a fine, a prison sentence of up to three years or expulsion from the Federal territory.

Rechtsbehelf

- Appeal against the decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office
- Bringing an action before the court specified in the notice of objection if the objection is not complied with
- An appeal against a negative decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office can be brought before the competent administrative court.
- A preliminary procedure (opposition) does not take place in Lower Saxony.
- Detailed information can be found in the rejection notice.

Kurztext

- Settlement permit for minor children
- Foreign children born and/or raised in Germany can obtain an independent, unlimited right of residence (settlement permit).

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- Prior possession of a residence permit issued and valid during the minorhood required for family or humanitarian reasons.
- Minors receive a permanent residence permit if they have held the residence permit for at least five years without interruption at the age of 16.
- Adults are granted a permanent residence permit if they: have been in possession of the residence permit issued during the period of minor age for five years (the five-year period does not have to be reached when they reach the age of majority), have knowledge of the German language at level B1 and are able to secure their livelihood from their own resources or are in training leading to a recognised school or vocational qualification or a university degree (regular and regular schooling, in-company training or studies).
- In the case of a physical, mental or emotional illness or disability, no language skills and no means of subsistence need to be proven.
- The permanent residence permit will not be issued if: there is an interest in expulsion from the federal territory, a juvenile sentence has been imposed or suspended for an intentional offence in the last three years.
- Responsible: the Foreigners' Registration Office responsible for the applicant's place of residence

Ansprechpunkt

The immigration authority responsible for the place of residence of the applicant is responsible for processing the application.

Zuständige Stelle

Formulare

Forms available: No

Written form required: No

Informal application possible: Yes

Personal appearance required: Yes

Ursprungsportal

Apply for settlement permit for minor foreign children, Niederlassungserlaubnis für minderjährige ausländische Kinder beantragen