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Applying for the adoption of a foreign child

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Leistungsschlüssel	99013002024000, 99013002024000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for the adoption of a foreign child
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Adoption (013)
Verrichtungskennung	Beschluss (024)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Geburt, Sorgerecht für Minderjährige, elterliche Pflichten, Vorschriften für Leihmutterschaft und Adoption, einschließlich Stiefkindadoption, Unterhaltspflichten für Kinder bei

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	grenzüberschreitenden familiären Gegebenheiten
Lagen Portalverbund	Lebenslagen für Bürgerinnen und Bürger (1000000), Adoption und Pflegekinder (1020100), Nach der Geburt (1010200)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	24.01.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of Justice of Lower Saxony
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/adwirkg/_2.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/adwirkg/_5.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/_36.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/_27.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/adwirkg/_2.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/adwirkg/_5.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/_36.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/_27.html
Teaser	Would you like to adopt a child from abroad?
Volltext	<p>Would you like to adopt a child from abroad? Then you should clarify the recognition of such an adoption in Germany in advance. After the adoption abroad, the foreign birth certificate of your adopted child remains valid. As adoptive parents, you can still apply for an additional certification in the birth register in Germany if the child has acquired German citizenship as a result of the adoption.</p> <p>Note: If a German court decides on an adoption, it will also carry out the notarization. The same applies if a German family court converts a foreign adoption from a weak to a strong adoption.</p> <p>You can find detailed information in the procedural description "Adoption of a foreign child - applying for the conversion of a weak adoption into a strong adoption".</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	The following documents in particular are required for an adoption procedure:

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- Notarized adoption application
- Declarations of consent
- Birth certificate of the child
- Marriage certificate of the adopters
- Proof of citizenship of the parties involved
- Registration certificates of the parties involved
- Health certificates of the parties involved
- Police clearance certificates of the adopters
- Proof of income of the adopters

The family court may request further documents.

Note: You will need foreign documents with over-certification by the competent foreign authority (apostille) or legalization by the German diplomatic mission abroad.

Voraussetzungen

The basic prerequisite for the adoption of a child is that it is in the best interests of the child and that the development of a parent-child relationship can be predicted.

The adoption of a minor is only possible if the child is under the age of 18 when the adoption is pronounced.

Further requirements are the ability of the adopters to be parents for this child, an appropriate adoption care period and the existence of the declarations of consent of the parties involved.

Kosten

There are costs for the notarization of the notarial application and the issuing of the documents.

Updating the civil status register at the registry office of the place of residence: free of charge.

Notarization of a birth abroad: subject to a fee

Verfahrensablauf

You must submit the required documents as notarized declarations to the family court.

- You can also instruct a notary to submit the documents.

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- If you have children of your own, the court will weigh up whether their overriding interests conflict with the adoption.
- This could be the case if the following claims would be unreasonably diminished:
 - maintenance claims
 - Inheritance claims
- Even if the person to be adopted has children themselves, the court will check whether their overriding interests conflict with the adoption. The children of both parties therefore have a right to be heard.

If the requirements for adoption are met, the court will issue an adoption order.

The registry office enters the birth and you as the adoptive parents in the civil register.

Note: The registry office that notarizes the birth of your child born abroad will automatically inform other registry offices.

Bearbeitungsdauer

The processing time depends on the family court.

Frist

The application for the adoption of a minor should be submitted in good time before the child reaches the age of majority.

weiterführende Informationen
Hinweise
Rechtsbehelf

The adoption decision cannot be contested.

Kurztext

- Applying for the adoption of a foreign child
 - If a German court decides on an adoption, it also carries out the notarization.
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 - Jurisdiction: dThe local family court at the district court for the decision. Certificates are issued by the local registry office.

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Ansprechpunkt	To tthe local family court at the district court for the decision. Certificates are issued by the local registry office.
Zuständige Stelle	DThe local family court at the district court for the decision. Certificates are issued by the local registry office.
Formulare	Please contact the responsible locallocal family court at the district court for the decision. Certificates are issued by the local registry office.
Ursprungsportal	Applying for the adoption of a foreign child, Adoption eines ausländischen Kindes beantragen