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Acceptance of an adult pronunciation

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99013010170000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Acceptance of an adult pronunciation
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for adoption of an adult
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Adopt an adult</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Adult adoption</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	

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Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	23.04.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Sections 186 to 199 of the Law on Proceedings in Family Matters and in Matters of Voluntary Jurisdiction (FamFG);](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/famfg/_186.html) as applicable in detail to an adult adoption. • [§§ 1767 to 1772 German Civil Code (BGB)](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/bgb/_1767.html)
Teaser	If you would like to adopt an adult, you can apply to the responsible family court at the local district court.
Volltext	<p>You can adopt an adult if you want to establish a parent-child relationship with the person and this is morally justified. This is particularly assumed if a parent-child relationship already exists between you as the adopter and the adult. This is the case, for example, with a stepchild or foster child.</p> <p>If such a relationship does not yet exist, there must be such a strong emotional bond that a relationship similar to the parent-child relationship can be expected. In addition, the adoption must appear morally justified in view of the purpose pursued. This means that the wish to adopt must not violate a moral prohibition and must not pursue an exclusively material purpose, such as avoiding inheritance tax or establishing a right of residence.</p> <p>In order to adopt the adult as a family member, you and the person in question must file an application with the family court.</p> <p>The adoption of an adult is basically an adoption with a weak effect. This means that the family ties of the adopted adult to his or her biological family are not terminated, only the newly formed relationship with the adopters is added.</p> <p>As the adopting person, you are therefore obliged to support the adopted person and their children with priority over their biological relatives.</p>

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The consequences for the person being adopted are even more far-reaching. You should consider the following points and seek legal advice if necessary:

- changing of the name
- Increase in maintenance rights and obligations
- Obligation to provide maintenance to former parents and you as new parents
 - After the death of the adopted child, the biological parents and the adoptive parents may inherit alongside each other as second-order heirs.

Under certain conditions and upon application, adoption with further legal consequences, such as those that apply to the adoption of minors, is also possible. This is then referred to as a full adoption or adoption with a "strong effect". This would result in an almost complete legal integration of the adult into your family. This means that the relationship of kinship and thus, among other things, all inheritance and maintenance obligations towards the biological parents are abolished. In the case of a stepchild adoption, the continued relationship to the remaining parent is excluded from this.

Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Notarized application from the adopter and the adult person; the applications must not be tied to any conditions or time limit
 - If the adopter or the person to be adopted is married or in a civil partnership, a notarized declaration of consent from the spouse or life partner
 - The family court may request other necessary documents, such as proof of civil status such as birth or marriage certificates

Voraussetzungen

- You may adopt an adult as a child if the adoption is morally justified. In other words, the adoption request is based on an existing parent-child relationship or a similarly strong inner bond and does not violate a moral prohibition and does not pursue a purely material purpose. This is the case, for example, if the person to be adopted already lived in your family as a minor child.
 - The adoption must not conflict with the overriding interests of third parties, such as your biological

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	<p>children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adopter must have reached the minimum age required for adoption (21 or 25 years of age) • According to case law, there should generally be an age difference corresponding to a parent-child relationship, at least 15 years.
Kosten	<p>The following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notary fees • Court costs • if applicable, legal fees <p>The respective amount depends on the individual case.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the required documents and the applications of the adopter and the adoptee in writing to the local family court. You can also commission a notary to submit the documents. • The court then checks whether all the necessary requirements for an adoption are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To this end, the court will hear the parties involved and, if necessary, other persons. • If the conditions for an adult adoption are met, the court will issue a decision declaring the adult's adoption.
Bearbeitungsdauer	Due to the prescribed procedure, usually at least 3 months, depending on the individual case.
Frist	There is no deadline.
weiterführende Informationen	https://www.hamburg.de/politik-und-verwaltung/behoerden/sozialbehoerde/einrichtungen/oera https://www.hamburg.de/politik-und-verwaltung/behoerden/sozialbehoerde/einrichtungen/oera https://familienportal.de/familienportal/lebenslagen/ki-nderwunsch-adoption/adoption https://familienportal.de/familienportal/lebenslagen/ki-nderwunsch-adoption/adoption https://www.notar.de/notarsuche/notarsuche https://www.notar.de/notarsuche/notarsuche https://www.justizadressen.nrw.de/de/justiz/suche https://www.justizadressen.nrw.de/de/justiz/suche
Hinweise	German citizens can also adopt adult foreigners.

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	<p>However, the adopted children do not receive German citizenship and in most cases do not have the right of residence.</p> <p>Adopting a person with foreign nationality is not morally justified if your sole aim is to prevent their deportation.</p> <p>**Please note:</p> <p>Legal advice is not available at the district court. Please contact the persons authorized to provide legal advice. These are lawyers or notaries.</p> <p>The Public Legal Advice Service (ÖRA) offers low-cost legal advice for people with low incomes.**</p>
Rechtsbehelf	It is possible to file a complaint.
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption must aim for parent-child relationship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a relationship does not yet exist, there must be a strong emotional bond for a relationship similar to a parent-child relationship to be expected. • Adoption must be morally justified, especially in the case of an existing parent-child relationship (for example, foster/stepchild) • Adoption must not pursue an exclusively material purpose, such as avoiding inheritance tax or establishing a right of residence. • Adoption of adults is an adoption with a weak effect. Relationship to biological parents does not expire. • The adoption creates maintenance obligations for the adopter towards the adopted child and possibly also towards the former parents. • Under certain circumstances, a full adoption can also be granted for an adult. In this case, the relationship to the former parents ceases (except in the case of stepchild adoptions).
Ansprechpunkt	If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to [Hamburg Service](https://www.hamburg.de/service/info/hasi/13141)
Zuständige Stelle	Hamburg District Court
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link

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