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# Adoption of a foreign child decision

Heruntergeladen am 20.07.2025

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99013002024000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Adoption of a foreign child decision
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Recognition of the adoption of a foreign child
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">adoption</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Foreign Adoption Recognition</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Foreign child adopted</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	

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Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	20.09.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	§ 5 Adoption Effects Act (AdWirkG) § 2 Adoption Effects Act (AdWirkG)
Teaser	If you want to adopt a child from abroad, you should clarify in advance whether such an adoption will be recognized in the country. Recognition is granted by the family court by means of a ruling.
Volltext	Would you like to adopt a child from abroad? Then you should clarify in advance whether such an adoption will be recognized in Germany. After the foreign adoption, the foreign birth certificate of your adopted child remains valid. As adoptive parents, you can still apply for certification in the birth register in Germany if the child has acquired German citizenship through the adoption. If a German court decides on an adoption, it will also certify it. The same applies if a German family court converts a foreign adoption from a weak to a strong adoption.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	The following documents are required in particular for an adoption procedure: Notarized adoption application Declarations of consent Child's birth certificate Marriage certificate of the adoptive parents Proof of nationality of those involved Registration certificates of those involved Health certificates of those involved Police clearance certificates of the adopters Proof of income of the adopters The family court may request further documents if necessary. Foreign documents require certification by the relevant foreign authority (Apostille) or legalization by the German diplomatic mission abroad.
Voraussetzungen	The basic prerequisite for the adoption of a child is that it serves the child's best interests and that the development of a parent-child relationship can be predicted with a high degree of probability. The adoption of minors is only possible if the child is not yet 18 years old at the time of adoption. Further

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	requirements are the ability of the adopters to be parents for this child an appropriate adoption care period the existence of the consent declarations of the parties involved
Kosten	There are costs for notarizing the application and issuing the documents. Updating the civil status register at the registry office of your place of residence is free of charge. There is a fee for registering a birth that occurred abroad.
Verfahrensablauf	You must submit the required documents as notarized declarations to the family court. You can also appoint a notary to submit the document. If you have children of your own, the court will consider whether their predominant interests conflict with the adoption. This could be the case if the following claims were unreasonably reduced: maintenance claims inheritance claims Even if the person being adopted has children, the court will examine whether their overriding interests conflict with the adoption. The children of both parties therefore have the right to be heard. If the conditions for adoption are met, the court will issue a decision granting the adoption. The registry office records the birth and you as adoptive parents in the civil status register. The registry office that registers the birth of your child born abroad automatically informs 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	<a href="https://justiz.hamburg.de/gerichte/amtsgericht-hamburg">https://justiz.hamburg.de/gerichte/amtsgericht-hamburg</a> <a href="https://justiz.hamburg.de/gerichte-segmente/">https://justiz.hamburg.de/gerichte-segmente/</a> <a href="https://www.hamburg.de/politik-und-verwaltung/behoerden/sozialbehoerde/einrichtungen/oera">https://www.hamburg.de/politik-und-verwaltung/behoerden/sozialbehoerde/einrichtungen/oera</a> <a href="https://www.hamburg.de/politik-und-verwaltung/behoerden/sozialbehoerde/einrichtungen/oera">https://www.hamburg.de/politik-und-verwaltung/behoerden/sozialbehoerde/einrichtungen/oera</a> <a href="https://www.hamburg.de/service/info/11252327/n0/">https://www.hamburg.de/service/info/11252327/n0/</a> <a href="https://justiz.hamburg.de/justiz.hamburg.de/gerichte/amtsgericht-hamburg/verfahrensarten-und-services/verfahrensarten/familie-636982">https://justiz.hamburg.de/justiz.hamburg.de/gerichte/amtsgericht-hamburg/verfahrensarten-und-services/verfahrensarten/familie-636982</a>

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Hinweise	Legal advice is not available at the district court. Please contact the persons authorized to provide legal advice. These are lawyers or notaries. The Public Legal Advice Service (ÖRA) offers low-cost legal advice for people with low incomes.
Rechtsbehelf	The rejection of the application can be contested by means of an appeal within one month in accordance with Sections 58 et seq. FamFG.
Kurztext	Recognition of the adoption of a foreign child Adoptive parents can apply for registration in the birth register in Germany if the child has acquired German citizenship through the adoption. If a German court decides on an adoption, it will also certify it.
Ansprechpunkt	<p>If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to</p> <p>Hamburg Service</p>
Zuständige Stelle	Hamburg District Court
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	Hamburg Service, Hamburg Service (Currently this link is only available in german)