



Application for a German passport for adults

You can apply for a German passport at the mission responsible for you during the respective opening hours only after making an appointment.

Documents to be presented

Please bring the applicable documents listed below with you to the interview in the original, in the case of foreign documents in legalized version. If applicant was born or married in Zimbabwe, South Africa (list is not final), please submit the name declaration in accordance with German naming law.

- Passport (if available)
- 1 biometric, current photograph
- If applicable, confirmation of deregistration of your last residence in Germany
- Proof of your Zimbabwean residence: residence permit of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- If possible, current civil status documents (if available, please German documents, if Zimbabwean documents are presented, please legalized version)
- Birth certificate and
- Marriage certificate, if applicable, if your name has changed due to marriage
- Divorce decree, if applicable, if your name has changed due to divorce
- If applicable, German name declaration (certificate of the German Register office)
- If applicable, a doctoral degree certificate, if a doctoral degree is to be newly registered. If applicable, proof of your German citizenship (in many cases, your parents' citizenship certificate is sufficient) or if you have been naturalized:
- certificate of naturalization
- In case of loss/theft: please report the loss to the police
- If applicable, a travel or identity document issued by another state

Depending on the individual case, the submission of further documents may become necessary!

Fees

The fees are to be paid in cash in USD at the current daily exchange rate of the paying office of the diplomatic mission or consular post at the time of application.

Fees when residing in the official district:

- 101,00 Euro Passport, 32 pages
- 133,00 Euro Express passport, 32 pages
- 70,00 Euro Temporary passport

Fees for residence outside the district:

- 171,00 Euro Passport, 32 pages

203,00 Euro Express passport, 32 pages
96,00 Euro Temporary passport

Additional options:

Biometric passport with 48 pages, (useful for frequent travelers): 123,00 Euro in the official district

Biometric passport with 48 pages, (useful for frequent travelers): 193,00,00 Euro outside official district

An extension of the validity period is not possible!

Notes

- Furthermore, please refer to the photo sample board.
- Image size 35 x 45 mm
- Face height between 32 - 36 mm from chin to hairline
- Head posture straight
- Frontal shot (no half profile)
- Neutral facial expression, lips closed

The risk of non-acceptance by Bundesdruckerei lies with the applicants.

Validity: For applicants 24 years and older the passport is valid for ten years, for applicants under 24 years it is valid for six years. Regularly, the passport contains 32 pages (international standard). On request - for example, if you travel a lot - you can get the passport with 48 pages. In this case, an extra charge will be added to the fee. When it expires, it must be reissued. The validity of temporary passports is adapted to the purpose of travel, but does not exceed one year.

Processing time: The processing time of biometric passports is approximately 9 weeks (without guarantee). A provisional passport can usually be issued on the day of the visit by the mission abroad, provided that jurisdiction is given and all necessary documents are available. If you are also registered in Germany or outside the respective official district, the mission abroad may have to obtain authorization from the competent passport authority before issuing a passport. This will extend the processing time of your application and an additional fee will be charged.

Pickup: You can pick up your passport in person on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 2 and 3 pm. Please bring your previous passport with you, which will be returned to you upon request (e.g. because of still valid endorsements) after it has been cancelled by the passport office. You can also authorize another person in writing to pick up your passport.

Nationality: The diplomatic mission abroad points out that neither the German passport nor the German identity card alone clearly prove possession of German nationality and reserves the right to carry out a more detailed check in cases of doubt. If necessary, the applicant must prove the existence of German citizenship - for example, by presenting a current certificate of citizenship.

Note: If both the German parents and their child were born outside Germany after 01.01.2000, the filing of a birth notification is a prerequisite for the transfer of German citizenship to the child (and thus the application for a German identity document). Please also refer to the information on our website regarding the non-acquisition of German citizenship in the case of birth abroad.

All information in this leaflet is based on findings at the time of writing. However, no guarantee can be given for the completeness and correctness, in particular due to changes that have occurred in the meantime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the foreign representation responsible for you.