

## eAT/Electronic residence permit

To protect against the spread of the coronavirus, you do not need to come to the Migration Office to collect your electronic residence permit (eAT). We will send you your eAT by post.

### Competent Department

- [Migrationsamt](#)
- [Aufenthalt](#)

### Basic information

Residence permits are usually issued in credit card format with additional electronic functions as an electronic residence permit/eAT. Once a decision has been made to issue a residence permit, usually when you visit the Migration Office, the Migration Office will apply to the Federal Printing Office in Berlin to produce the eAT and send it to the Migration Office for issue.

This results in waiting times of currently approx. 4 weeks. The Migration Office can therefore no longer issue residence permits directly upon application. Once the electronic residence permit has been received by the Migration Office from the Bundesdruckerei, we will send you the eAT by post.

Further information on the eAT can be found in the brochure "Der elektronische Aufenthaltstitel" from the BAMF. You can find the link to the brochure under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?" - "BAMF brochure / The electronic residence permit".

### Requirements

In addition to the other requirements for the issue of a residence permit, the following generally applies:

Biometric data:

Due to the required storage of biometric data for the electronic residence permit, two fingerprints must be taken of each applicant. This also applies to children from the age of 6. Therefore, when applying for a residence permit, a personal interview is mandatory from the age of 6.

A biometric photo (45mm x 35mm/face height at least 32mm) of each person (also applies to infants and small children) is required. The eAT is applied for at the Foreigners' Registration Office and then produced by the Bundesdruckerei in Berlin. The

Bundesdruckerei then sends a so-called PIN letter directly to the applicant and the eAT is sent to the foreigners authority.

## **Procedure**

If you have applied for a residence permit and the extension of your residence permit in person at the Migration Office, you will receive a so-called PIN letter from the Bundesdruckerei (Federal Printing Office) approx. 2 weeks later stating that your eAT is ready.

We will then send you your eAT by registered post.

If you have not received a PIN letter from the Bundesdruckerei four weeks after applying for your residence permit at the Migration Office, please send us an e-mail to <mailto:office@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

## **How long does it take to process**

Processing takes at least 4 weeks.

## **What are the costs?**

You will be informed of the cost of your residence permit with your letter of invitation / at the latest at your appointment to apply.