

Birth: Display of a birth

You have had a baby and need a birth certificate.

Competent Department

- [Standesamt Bremen-Mitte](#)
- [Standesamt Bremen-Nord](#)

Basic information

The birth of your child is registered at the registry office of the birth district. Therefore, it is not the registry office of your place of residence that is responsible, but the place of birth that is decisive. If the child is born in a hospital or birth center, these facilities register the birth in writing with the registry offices. In the case of home births, midwives, obstetricians or doctors issue the birth certificates. You must present these in person to the relevant registry office within one week of the birth of your child.

Requirements

All certificates and documents must be presented in the original at the registry office. It is also necessary to present the original of the parents' national passport and electronic residence permit (eAT). In the case of German identity cards/passports, it is also possible to submit a clearly recognizable copy instead of the original.

Further information on the required documents can be found in the birth flyer (see "i Where can I find out more?").

The translation of foreign certificates must be carried out by a translator sworn in Germany and must be submitted together with the original certificate.

Note: In many cases, foreign documents must be certified (e.g. apostille). Please enquire at the registry office in good time before the date of birth whether this is necessary in your case. This list is not exhaustive. Further documents may be required in individual cases.

What documents do I need?

- see Birth Flyer

(under "i Where can I find out more?")

Procedure

You can place the documents and proofs required for the certification in an envelope specially available for this purpose at the clinics and have it sent to the registry office via the clinic. If all the necessary documents are available, the birth can be registered without you visiting the registry office. You will then receive the certificates for your child and the documents submitted here by mail. You can then pay the fees conveniently by bank transfer. You will receive a corresponding invoice with the certificates.

More information

If necessary, please bring an interpreter with you when you visit the registry office in order to avoid communication problems when receiving your requests. It is necessary to make an appointment in advance.

The registry office Bremen-Mitte is responsible for births in the clinics:

- Links der Weser,
- St.-Joseph-Stift,
- Klinikum Mitte,
- Diako,
- Bremen-East
- as well as for the birth centers in Bremen-Stadt.

The registry office Bremen-Nord is responsible for births at the Klinikum-Bremen-Nord.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Births in a clinic/birthing center must be reported by the facility to the responsible registry office within one week. Home births must be reported by the parents or another person who has knowledge of the birth within one week.

You will need the midwife's birth certificate for this.

How long does it take to process

No specification possible.

What are the costs?

See the birth flyer (under "i Where can I find out more?"), cash and EC card payments are possible at the registry office.

Frequently asked Questions

- **What documents are required if the child's parents are married to each other?**

Form: Name determination

Identity card/passport (copy)

Foreign identity documents must be submitted in the original

If the mother is registered outside of Bremen, the registry office will independently retrieve the registration data from the responsible registration office. If this is not possible, an extended registration certificate is required. The registry office will then contact you. You will then receive the registration certificate from your local registration office.

If the marriage took place in Germany:

- Birth certificates of both parents, if necessary with translation and
- Marriage certificate or
- Certified copy from the marriage register

If the marriage was concluded abroad:

- Marriage certificate with translation and
- Birth certificate of both parents, with translation if necessary

For registered civil partnerships:

- Birth certificate of the mother, with translation if necessary
- Civil partnership certificate, with translation if necessary

For siblings:

- Birth certificate of the previous child

- **What documents are required if the child's parents are not married to each other?**

Form: Name determination

Identity card/passport (copy)

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For unmarried mothers:

- Birth certificate of the mother, with translation if necessary

For divorced mothers:

- Mother's birth certificate, with translation if necessary
- Marriage / marriage certificate
- If married abroad, the marriage certificate of the divorced marriage with translation
- Divorce decree/judgment with legal effect, if applicable with a certificate of name change
- Certificate of change of name, if applicable

Father:

- Birth certificate, with translation if applicable
- Certificate of acknowledgment of paternity and consent of the mother
- In the case of joint custody, also the declaration of custody from the youth welfare office

For siblings with joint custody:

- Birth certificate of the previous child

- **Can certified copies/printouts of the birth/marriage registers be used instead of the birth and marriage certificates?**

Yes, the certified copies/printouts are also personal status documents.

- **Can I hand in the birth envelope with our documents for birth certification only at the clinic?**

No. You can also drop the sealed envelope in the mailbox at the relevant registry office.