

Applying for a residence permit after entry with visa

You have entered Germany with a visa and would like to apply for a residence permit?

Please note the following points:

Competent Department

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

Basic information

Please note that, in principle, a residence title can only be issued if you have entered the country with the required national visa or if you have a corresponding exemption from the visa requirement.

Exceptions exist for the following countries: Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Republic of Korea.

For the issuance of a residence permit, you must appear in person at the Migration Office. However, this is only possible in the "Entry" department with an appointment. To request an appointment, please fill out the form "Vordruck Terminvergabe Einreise" (see under Forms) and send it by e-mail to <mailto:ref11@migrationsamt.bremen.de>.

Alternatively, you can also send us your appointment request by mail or fax. We will send your appointment as soon as possible to the contact details you provided.

If you have entered Germany without the required visa and need to stay in Germany due to a special personal/family emergency, please contact us immediately by e-mail and request an appointment, stating the reasons:

<mailto:office@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

Procedure

A personal visit to the Migration Office is required after making an appointment . For this purpose, please fill out the form "Vordruck Terminvergabe Einreise" (see under Forms) and send it by e-mail to <mailto:ref11@migrationsamt.bremen.de>.

Legal bases

- [Gesetz über den Aufenthalt, die Erwerbstätigkeit und die Integration von Ausländern im Bundesgebiet \(AufenthG\)](#)
- [Verordnung \(EG\) Nr. 810/2009 des europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 13.07.2009 über einen Visakodex der Gemeinschaft \(Visakodex\)](#)
- [Aufenthaltsverordnung \(AufenthV\)](#)
- [Verordnung über die Beschäftigung von Ausländerinnen und Ausländern](#)
- [Gesetz über die allgemeine Freizügigkeit von Unionsbürgern \(Freizügigkeitsgesetz/ EU-FreizügG/EU\) vom 30.07.2004](#)
- [Beschäftigungsverordnung](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The issuance of a residence permit must be applied for within the validity of the existing national visa or, in the case of possible visa-free entry, within 90 days.

How long does it take to process

As a rule, a decision on the issuance of the residence permit is made immediately.

What are the costs?

Depending on the purpose of stay, the fee can be up to € 110,00.