

Apply for settlement permit

If you already live in Germany and have a residence permit, you can apply for a permanent residence title, the settlement permit, under certain conditions.

You can find important information here:

Competent Department

- [Migrationsamt](#)
- [Aufenthalt](#)
- [bsu - bremen_service universität](#)

Basic information

As a rule, the settlement permit is to be issued if you:

- have held a residence permit for five years,
- you have secured your own livelihood,
- you have made contributions to pension insurance for a total of five years,
- you have sufficient knowledge of the German language and basic knowledge of the legal and social order and living conditions in the Federal Republic.

Under certain legal conditions, the granting of a settlement permit is also possible earlier. This must be examined individually.

What documents do I need?

- Health insurance certificate
- valid passport
- completed application form
- 1 biometric passport photo (not older than 3 months)

According to Bundesdruckerei's photo sample board: <https://www.bundesdruckerei.de>

- Employment contract and payroll

for the last three months

- Proof of pension insurance contributions paid to date
- Rental agreement

current rent + service charges

Procedure

If you assume that you meet the requirements for the issuance of a settlement permit, you can apply for it at the Migration Office. For example, at your next appointment to extend your residence permit.

You can also send us a written request by e-mail to <mailto:office@migrationsamt.bremen.de>.

The employees of the Migration Office will also check on their own initiative whether, to our knowledge, the requirements for issuance are met and will raise the issue when extending your residence permit.

If you are an employee of a Bremen university or its scientific institutions, please book an appointment at [bsu - bremen_service universität](#) via the link below to apply for a settlement permit:

<mailto:auslaenderbehoerde-bsu@migrationsamt.bremen.de>

Legal bases

- [Aufenthaltsgesetz \(AufenthG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The application is not bound to any deadlines. If the requirements for issuance are met, the settlement permit can be issued immediately.

What are the costs?

We will inform you about the costs when we check whether the granting of a settlement permit can be considered for you.