

Apply for an identity card

Please note that we release short-term appointments for all BürgerServiceCenters between 7 and 9 a.m. every day. If you are unable to find a suitable appointment, please check this page again during this time slot.

The current legal requirements for passport photos can be found under "Further information" - "Passport photo procedure before and after 01.05.2025".

Would you like to apply for an ID card? Find out more here.

Competent Department

- [Bürgeramt](#)
- [BürgerServiceCenter-Mitte](#)
- [BürgerServiceCenter-Nord](#)
- [BürgerServiceCenter-Stresemannstraße](#)

Basic information

- ID is required for persons 16 years and older.
- from 16 years no power of attorney of the parents is required for the application.
- for children under 16
 - the children must be present in person when applying.
 - the application must be submitted by the person's legal guardian(s)
 - the ePA will only be issued with the electronic proof of identity switched off.
 - for children aged 6 and over, a special declaration by the legal guardian(s) is required expressly in relation to the issuance of the ID card.
 - children from the age of 10 must sign it themselves
 - guardians can collect the identity document alone, without the power of attorney of the other person
- a third person can be entrusted with the collection. In any case, this person (also legal guardian) needs a special power of attorney to pick up the document. For this purpose, the form provided under "Forms" should be used.
- However, a collection authorization is required in any case if the child (16 years of age or older) has applied for the ID card himself/herself.

Functions

- official identification document
- electronic proof of identity
- electronic signature
- two digital fingerprints

You can find out more about the functions and options of your ID card with online ID in the brochure "Your ID card - digital, simple and secure".

Notes:

- changing the address by address stickers when moving is free of charge.
- Exemption from fees due to receipt of benefits according to the SGB (e.g. unemployment benefit II, basic income support due to old age or disability) is generally not possible.

Requirements

- German citizenship

What documents do I need?

- Proof of identity

e.g. old or invalid identity card, valid passport or birth certificate for young children who do not yet have a passport or identity card.

- 1 current biometric passport photo according to the photo sample table (not older than 6 months)

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- For children under 16 years of age:

Special declaration of consent (explicitly related to the issuing of the identity card) of the person with custody, as well as their identity cards (also copies) and, if applicable, proof of custody.

- in the case of a change of name, a document or certificate from the registry office.
- Important note: the children must always be present in person!

Procedure

- The ID card can only be applied for in person, as a handwritten signature is required at the time of application.
- Upon receipt of the pin letter from the Bundesdruckerei, you will be informed that the ID card is ready.
Please note: Bundesdruckerei will not send a pin letter to children under the age of 15 years and 9 months at the time of application.
- You can find all information about collecting your ID card here: -> Pick up your ID card / passport
<https://www.service.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen128.c.1246255.de>

Legal bases

- [Personalausweisgesetz](#)
- [Personalausweisgebührenverordnung](#)

More information

- Period of validity of the identity card
 - for persons under 24 years of age: 6 years
 - for persons aged 24 and over: 10 years
- Since August 2, 2021, two fingerprints must always be taken of the applicant when applying for a new ID card. The fingerprints are stored exclusively in the chip of the ID card as an additional security feature.

For further information, please call: + 49 421 361 88660.

How long does it take to process

basically approx. 4 weeks

What are the costs?

37,00 EUR for persons aged 24 and over

22,80 EUR for persons under 24 years

Unfortunately, it is not possible to waive fees due to receipt of benefits according to SGB II (e.g. unemployment benefit II) or SGB XII (basic income support due to old age or disability).

No fees are charged for homeless or homeless persons who are staying in Bremen.

6,00 EUR Photo costs (if no photo is sent by the photographer).

Frequently asked Questions

• is the submission of the fingerprint mandatory?

Yes, as of August 2, 2021, two fingerprints of the applicant must always be taken when applying for a new ID card. The fingerprints are stored exclusively in the chip of the ID card as an additional security feature.

• is there any data that is only visible on the ID card and not stored in the chip?

Yes, these are:

- Signature
- Size, color of eyes
- Serial number

- **is there any data that is only stored in the chip and is not visible on the ID card?**

Yes, the electronic signature and two fingerprints.