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Ausländerbehörde — Appointment, Documents, Tips

How to prepare for your Ausländerbehörde appointment: required documents, waiting times, and fees.

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What is the Ausländerbehörde?

The **Ausländerbehörde** (ABH) is the responsible authority for all residence law matters of non-EU citizens in Germany. Here you apply for and extend your **Aufenthaltstitel**.

Book an Appointment

In most cities, appointments can only be booked **online**. Waiting times can range from several weeks to months.

Important: Book your appointment **well in advance before expiry** of your current Aufenthaltstitel — at least 6–8 weeks ahead.

Appointment Portals in Major Cities

- **Hamburg:** Einwanderungsbehörde (Welcome Center)
- **Berlin:** LEA Berlin — Landesamt für Einwanderung
- **Munich:** Ausländerbehörde München (KVR)
- **Frankfurt:** Ausländerbehörde Frankfurt
- **Cologne:** Ausländeramt Köln

Common Requests

Request	Fee (approx.)
Aufenthaltserlaubnis (issuance)	93-100 €
Aufenthaltserlaubnis (extension)	93-100 €
Niederlassungserlaubnis	113-147 €
Blaue Karte EU	100 €
Fiktionsbescheinigung	free of charge

Checklist: Documents to Bring

- Valid passport (original + copy)
- Current Aufenthaltstitel / visa
- Registration certificate (not older than 6 months)
- Biometric passport photo (35 × 45 mm)
- Employment contract / enrollment certificate
- Health insurance proof
- Rental contract
- Evidence of financial support

Tips

- **All documents in German** or with certified translation
- **Arrive on time** — if you're late, your appointment is cancelled
- If your Aufenthaltstitel expires before your appointment: you will receive a **Fiktionsbescheinigung**, which temporarily legalizes your stay
- **Interpreter:** You may bring someone to translate for you