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## Naturalization — German Citizenship

Guide to German citizenship: requirements include 5 years legal residence, B1 German proficiency, and passing the citizenship test. Double citizenship is now permitted for all nationalities.

**Deutsche Begriffe:** Einbürgerung | Staatsangehörigkeit | Einbürgerungstest | Deutscher Pass

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### Requirements (from 2024)

Basic conditions:

- 1. 5 years legal residence** (previously 8)
  - Or 3 years with special integration
- 2. Niederlassungserlaubnis** or EU residence rights
- 3. German B1 proficiency** (certificate)
- 4. Einbürgerungstest** — knowledge test about Germany (passed)
- 5. Self-sufficiency** — you don't receive Bürgergeld (exceptions: illness, care)
- 6. No criminal record**
- 7. Acceptance of democratic values**

### Double Citizenship

Since 2024 **YOU CAN** have double citizenship:

- You don't have to give up your Polish citizenship!
- This now applies to all nationalities

## Einbürgerungstest

- 33 questions (+ 3 about your state)
- 17 correct = passed
- Cost: 25€
- Practice: [einbuengerungstest-online.de](http://einbuengerungstest-online.de)

## How to apply?

- 1. Where:** Einbürgerungsbehörde in your city
- 2. Form:** Antrag auf Einbürgerung

### Documents:

- Passport + Aufenthaltstitel
- Birth certificate (with apostille + translation)
- B1 certificate (Goethe, telc, etc.)
- Einbürgerungstest (passed)
- Certificate of good conduct (from Poland)
- Income statement
- Employment contract / company certificate
- Anmeldung

## How much does it cost?

- **259€** per adult
- **51€** per child

## How long does it take?

- Processing: **6-24 months** (depends on city)
- Hamburg, Berlin: often 12+ months

## Benefits of citizenship:

☐ Voting rights ☐ German passport (visa-free access to 190 countries) ☐ Work in public service ☐ Consular protection worldwide ☐ No residence renewal issues

## Important!

- Start gathering documents early
- Apostille from Poland — order before leaving
- B1 test — pass before submitting application