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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 | Niederlassungserlaubnis | Einbürgerungsbehörde | Mehrstaatigkeit | Führungszeugnis | Anspruchseinbürgerung | Lebensunterhalt | Anmeldung | Integrationskurs | Aufenthaltstitel

Einbürgerung — German Citizenship

Requirements (reform from June 2024)

- 1. 5 years of legal residence** (previously 8) — or **3 years** with exceptional integration achievements (C1, volunteering, very good employment)
- 2. Unlimited right of residence**, e.g. Niederlassungserlaubnis, or current Aufenthaltstitel authorizing settlement
- 3. German at B1 level** (B1 typically through Integrationskurs; 3-year path requires C1)
- 4. Einbürgerungstest** — passed
- 5. Self-sufficiency** — as a rule without Bürgergeld (exceptions: illness, care, full-time work despite low income)
- 6. No criminal record** and declaration of loyalty to democratic order (anti-Semitism/racism clause)

Dual Citizenship — NOW Permitted

Since **27 June 2024** Germany permits **Mehrstaatigkeit** for everyone — you do not have to give up your Polish passport.

Children

A child born in Germany automatically receives citizenship if one parent has lived legally in Germany for **5 years** and has permanent residence rights.

Einbürgerungstest

- 33 questions (including 3 about your state), **17 correct = pass**
- Cost €25; practice at einbuengerungstest-online.de
- Exempted include graduates of German schools

How to Apply?

Submit the application (Antrag auf Einbürgerung) to your city's

Einbürgerungsbehörde. Documents:

- Passport + Aufenthaltstitel, birth certificate (apostille + certified translation)
- B1/C1 certificate, passed Einbürgerungstest
- **Führungszeugnis** (certificate of good conduct)
- Proof of income and Anmeldung

Costs and Timeline

- **€255** per adult, **€51** per child (co-naturalized with parent)
- Processing **6-24 months** (Hamburg, Berlin often 12+)

Benefits

Right to vote, German passport (visa-free to ~190 countries) Work in public service, consular protection End of residence renewal and card replacement