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Personalausweis & Reisepass — Costs and Application

Current 2026 fees for Personalausweis (€46) and Reisepass (€140), application procedures, and validity periods.

Deutsche Begriffe: Personalausweis | Reisepass | Bürgeramt | Meldebehörde | eAT | Aufenthaltserlaubnis

Who Gets Personalausweis and Who Gets eAT

Personalausweis (German ID card) is issued to German citizens — if you complete Einbürgerung, you'll get one too. Non-EU citizens don't have Personalausweis: their identity is confirmed by a national passport plus an electronic residence permit (eAT). German documents are submitted at the **Bürgeramt** responsible for your registered address, so first complete registration at your new place of residence.

Fees from 07.02.2026

Document	Age	Fee
Personalausweis	24 and over	€46.00 (was €37.00)
Personalausweis	under 24	€27.60
Reisepass (32 pages)	24 and over	€70.00
Reisepass (32 pages)	under 24	€37.50
Reisepass 48 pages	24 and over	€92.00
Express supplement	all ages	+ €32.00

The fee increase from February 2026 applies **only to Personalausweis** — Reisepass fees remain unchanged. Both documents are valid for 10 years (under 24 — 6 years).

Documents and Processing Time

You'll need a biometric photo (35 × 45 mm, not older than 6 months) and your previous document (for first application — birth certificate). Processing time: Personalausweis approximately 3-4 weeks, Reisepass approximately 3-6 weeks (express faster), temporary document issued immediately.

eAT Fees for Foreigners

Instead of Personalausweis, you'll receive an **eAT** (card in check format). As a rough guide: first Aufenthaltserlaubnis approximately **€100**, Niederlassungserlaubnis **€113-147** (depending on purpose of stay), renewal approximately **€93-96**. Minors pay **50%**. eAT has eID functionality — it's worth activating when you pick it up.