

eID card application

The eID card is a document that provides the online ID function for people who are not entitled to be issued with an ID card or residence permit with online ID function.

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Basic information

With the eID card, it is possible to identify yourself securely on the Internet via an eID client, such as the AusweisApp provided by the federal government, or at citizen terminals. Similar to online shopping or banking, it can be used to quickly and easily complete administrative procedures and numerous other services.

Basic functions:

- electronic proof of identity
- Electronic signature
- Only suitable as electronic proof of identity and not as an identity document or travel document

Notes:

- In order to use the online ID function, a card reader and an eID client, such as the AusweisApp, are required

Requirements

- eID cards can only be obtained by persons who are either EU citizens or citizens of another state of the European Economic Area (EEA). Exception: German citizens cannot obtain an eID card. However, the eID function has already been included in every German identity card since 2010.
- The person applying for the card must have reached the age of 16.

What documents do I need?

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Procedure

- The eID card can only be applied for in person.
- If you wish, you can have your new eID card delivered directly to your home. You can find the requirements and further information on "Direct delivery" under "Further information" - "Direct delivery information sheet".
- All information on collecting the eID card can be found under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?" - "Pick up your ID card / passport / eID card".

Legal bases

- [eID-Karte-Gesetz](#)
- [Personalausweis- und eID-Karten-Gebührenverordnung](#)

More information

- Validity period of the eID card: 10 years

How long does it take to process

generally approx. 4 weeks

What are the costs?

37,00 EUR

15,00 EUR additionally when using the direct shipping option