

acknowledge paternity

Do you want to acknowledge paternity to a child?

Competent Department

- [Bremen-Nord: Sozialzentrum 1 – Beistandschaft/Unterhalt für Minderjährige – Blumenthal, Vegesack, Burglesum](#)
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Basic information

Paternity of a minor child can be acknowledged in a public deed. The necessary consents (e.g. of the child's mother) can also be notarized.

The deeds can be recorded before or after the birth of the child.

If the father does not acknowledge paternity, the child's mother can receive advice and assistance in establishing paternity. She can also set up a guardianship of the youth welfare office for this purpose.

Requirements

- The child does not need to be born yet,
- but it must be conceived
- expected date of delivery or date of birth and name of the child
- data of the other parent
- The father must appear in person
- The mother must personally certify her consent

What documents do I need?

- Identity card or passport

Procedure

- Make an appointment with the Office of Social Services -Youth Welfare Office, Specialist Service Support/Maintenance for Minors.
- To make an appointment, you can use the online service under "Further information" - "Online service" - "Recognition of fatherhood, maternity, declaration of custody".
- Both parents must appear in person, preferably together.
- After explaining the legal consequences of the document, it is read out and signed by the father. If the child's mother is present, she can also sign.

- Certified copies of the document are handed out.
- The consent of the child's mother is required for the recognition to be effective. If this is also provided, a birth certificate can be issued at the child's birth registry office, in which the father is noted.

Legal bases

- [Sozialgesetzbuch \(SGB\) - Achtes Buch \(VIII\) - Kinder- und Jugendhilfe](#)

More information

Paternity can also be recognised at the registry office.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The child need not yet be born; but it must be begotten.

How long does it take to process

Duration of the appointment approx. 30 to 60 minutes. An appointment is usually offered at short notice, within 3 weeks at the latest.

What are the costs?

none

Frequently asked Questions

- **I would like to acknowledge paternity.**

You can do this in person at the social centers of the Office for Social Services -Youth Welfare Office- at the specialist service "Beistandschaft/Unterhalt für Minderjährige"

<http://www.amtfuersozialedienste.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?>

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The personal consent of the child's mother is required.

- **I need child support.**

If you need help in enforcing alimony against the debtor, contact the Social Centers of the Office of Social Services -Youth Welfare Office- Specialist Services Assistance/ Maintenance for Minors.

If you would like to apply for an advance on maintenance payments, please contact the Social Centers of the Social Services Office -Economic Youth Welfare Services- (see also the service "Applying for an Advance on Maintenance Payments" https://www.service.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen128.c.821299.de&asl=bremen2014_sp.c.13092.de).

- **I am to have alimony notarized.**

You can do this in person at the social centers of the Office for Social Services -Youth Welfare Office- beim Fachdienst Beistandschaft/ Unterhalt für Minderjährige.

- **I need a certificate of sole custody.**

You can obtain the certificate at the social centers of the Office for Social Services - Youth Welfare Office - at the specialist service for guardianship/maintenance for minors (see also service "Request information from the custody register" <https://www.service.bremen.de/auskunft-aus-dem-sorgeregister-anfordern-178016>).

- **I would like to have joint parental care notarized**

You can do this in person at the social centers of the Office for Social Services-Youth Welfare Office-at the specialist service "Beistandschaft/Unterhalt für Minderjährige" (see also service "Antrag gemeinsame Sorge" http://service.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen128.c.48454.de&asl=bremen2014_sp.c.13092.de