

Extend residence permit

Would you like to extend your residence permit?

If you have been issued a residence permit by the Migration Office, you will receive a letter from the Migration Office before your residence permit expires asking you to submit the documents required for an extension. You will only be sent an appointment to extend your residence permit once all the documents have been received in full.

Please note that this regulation does not apply to the transfer of residence permits. You can find more information on this in the service "New national passport: Transfer of residence permit".

Competent Department

- [Migrationsamt](#)
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Basic information

A temporary residence permit must be extended if you wish to stay in Germany beyond its expiry date. A personal visit to the Migration Office is required for the extension. To make the process as easy as possible for you, you will receive a request to submit the documents required for an extension before your residence permit expires.

You must submit all the documents specified in the invitation letter by the specified deadline, as you must prove that the requirements have been met even if your residence permit is extended. Otherwise, your residence permit cannot be extended.

You will only be sent an appointment to extend your residence permit if all documents are complete.

Procedure

You will receive a letter in good time before your old residence permit expires asking you to submit all the necessary documents in order to check the requirements for extending your residence permit. You must submit these documents to the Migration Office by the specified deadline.

If something has changed in your life situation and this could affect the extension of your residence permit, you must also inform us of this and, if necessary, provide evidence. Therefore, please also submit documents that we have not requested but which could be important for the decision on the extension of the residence permit. These could be, for example

- Documents relating to your family situation, if this has changed,
- current decisions from other authorities regarding your personal situation,
- current medical certificates if you are unable to work for health reasons.

You will only be given an appointment once all documents have been received by the Migration Office!

If you are unable to attend the appointment, please send us an e-mail to the address given in the invitation letter requesting another appointment. However, we would like to point out that in such a case we cannot guarantee that your residence permit can be extended in time for the expiry date. We therefore strongly advise you to keep the appointment sent to you.

If you have not received a letter from us 1 month before your residence permit expires, please send us an e-mail to office@migrationsamt.bremen.de

Legal bases

- [Aufenthaltsgesetz \(AufenthG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

A decision on the extension of the residence permit will be made at the appointment when we have received all the necessary documents. We will then send you the residence permit itself by registered post, see eAT/Electronic residence permit.

What are the costs?

We will inform you about the costs for the extension of the residence permit in our invitation letter.