

Who can extend a tourist stay?

See Annex II to VISA-VO

https://www.bundespolizei.de/Web/DE/01Sicher-auf-Reisen/06Passrechtliche-Hinweise/01Ersatzpapiere-beantragen/Forms/Documents/VO-EG-539_anhang_II.html?nn=5931340

How to extend a tourist stay?

- Register at the local Einwohnermeldeamt-Rathaus
- Fill out the application for a residence permit and declare the reasons for the extension
- Go to the Foreigners Office and bring:

- Passport
- passport photo (biometric)
- application
- proof of international health insurance
- proof of income
- 100,- €

If you do not have own income or savings or other funds, then somebody has to do an affidavit of support to sponsor you while you are here in Germany. The sponsor has to come to our office and bring

- passport or ID-Card
- LES
- 29,- €

You can then apply for a residence permit acc. to § 7 AufenthG for 3 months.

You have 90 days from the date of entry to Germany, or, if you have lost NATO-status, from that date on, to apply for a residence permit. Please apply in time before the 90 days run out, otherwise you are illegal!

Duration of process:

From the moment you apply for the extension until the delivery of the residence card, after approval of your application, it takes about 3 weeks! We have no influence on the delivery by the Bundesdruckerei.

If you need an official confirmation or if the 90 days are going to run out before delivery, we can issue a Fiktionsbescheinigung. In this case there will be an additional fee of 13 €.

Note:

If you are (again) subject to NATO law after being holder of a German residence permit, please let us know. We need a copy of your SOFA and/or ID card to close our file.

Further note:

If you have a residence permit and habitual residence in Germany and regain your status under the NATO law, you may not be entitled to tax benefits. Please contact your tax office.