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Application for a biometric passport (ePassport) for adults

General Information

It is no longer possible to extend the validity of passports. Therefore, you should apply for a new passport before your current passport expires. Passports are printed in Berlin (Bundesdruckerei) and it may take around 6 weeks (incl. dispatch from Germany to Australia) until you receive your new passport.

The „express passport“ is more expensive (see below) and generally takes between 2 and 4 weeks (incl. dispatch from Germany to Australia).

Biometric passports are valid for 10 years. Passports issued to applicants under 24 are valid for 6 years. Passport applicants are required to apply in person. Applications by mail are not accepted.

Effective as of 1 November 2007 - when applying, your fingerprints will be taken. Exceptions are only made in cases of non-temporary medical conditions.

Please read our information sheet „requirements on passport photos for German passports“. Photos which do not meet the criteria cannot be accepted.

Where can I apply for an ePass?

Applications can be lodged at the

- German Embassy in Canberra (www.canberra.diplo.de)
- German Consulates in Sydney (www.sydney.diplo.de) and Melbourne (www.melbourne.diplo.de)
- Honorary Consuls in Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Hobart and Perth.

The jurisdiction depends on the place of your residence. The Consulate General in Sydney issues passports for residents of New South Wales and Queensland.

Which documents must I submit with my passport application?

- complete **application form** (in block letters)
- last German passport (not applicable if you apply for the first time)
- **birth certificate** (original and copy)
- two recent **biometric passport photos** (bright, uni coloured background, see information

sheet)

- **recent Certificate of Evidence of Residence Status** (original)

The Certificate can be obtained from the Australian Department of Immigration (www.immi.gov.au) and must not be older than 2 months. Please note: The certificate is only requested if you have been a permanent resident for more than one year. You do not need to submit the certificate if you are a temporary resident, tourist or holding German-Australian dual citizenship. Temporary residents and tourists have to submit their current visa.

- if applicable, documents with regard to **other citizenships** (original and copy)
- if applicable, the **change of name certificate** issued by a German Registrar's Office (original and copy)
- if applicable, your **German naturalisation certificate** (only needed if you acquired German citizenship by naturalisation), original and copy
- if applicable, the „Beibehaltungsgenehmigung“ **together with** the Australian naturalisation certificate (original and copy)
- if applicable, most recent German local authority de-registration form - „**Abmeldebestätigung**“ (only if a German place of residence is shown in your passport and you are now residing in Australia)
- if applicable, **proof of residence in Australia** (e.g. Australian driver's licence, electricity/water/gas bill etc.)
- **fee** (see below)
- **prepaid registered mail envelope** (large) with your address (for postal delivery)

Please note that your application can only be accepted if the above documents are complete. In particular cases further documents (e.g. marriage certificate, divorce order) may be requested.

In case you apply for the **first** time for a **German passport** and if you are German by descent, you need to add the following documents to your application (original and copy):

- current German and Foreign passports of your parents
- if existing: German passports or German ID-card of the German parent at the time of birth
- if applicable, marriage certificate of parents (if married in Australia, their Australian „registered marriage certificate“ - issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages)
- if applicable, your certificate of naturalisation or the certificate of naturalisation of your parents
- if applicable, foreign certificate of naturalisation of your parents
- if applicable, certificate of acquisition of the German citizenship by declaration

PASSPORT FEES	+ 24 Years	under 24 years
Basic Fee	80,50 €	50,50 €
Additional fee for passport with 48 pages	22,00 €	22,00 €
Additional fee if you have residence outside our jurisdiction (e.g. in Germany)	59,50 €	37,50 €
Additional fee for express passport	32,00 €	32,00 €

Passport fees can be paid either in cash, by money order (in Australian \$, please enquire the current fee at the Embassy/Consulates) or with credit cards (Visa, Master or American Express - transaction will be processed in Euro).

Please note that the Honorary Consuls take a separate fee for all legal acts regarding passport applications. More details about their fee can be found in annex 1 of this information sheet (only in German). Credit card facilities are not available at the offices of the Honorary Consuls.

All statements mentioned in this Infosheet are based on knowledge and experiences of the Consulate General at the time it was written. As far as correctness and completeness are concerned this information is supplied without liability.

Quittung

Die Honorarkonsulin / der Honorarkonsul der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in

_____ bestätigt, von Herrn / Frau

_____ die folgenden Gebühren erhalten zu haben:

Passgebühr in Höhe von _____ AU \$

Unterschriftsbeglaubigung Passantrag (**20.00 €**/Ziff. 122 AKostV) _____ AU \$

elektronische Antragsannahme/Biometrie (**30.00 €**/Ziff. 140 AKostV) _____ AU \$

Beglaubigung von Kopien (**je 5 €**/Ziff. 124 AKostV) _____ AU \$

Auslagen/Versandkostenpauschale _____ AU \$

Hinweis:

Die Gebührenansätze für die Honorarkonsuln wurden australienweit durch die Botschaft Canberra, dem GK Sydney und dem GK Melbourne in Abstimmung mit dem Auswärtigen Amt einheitlich festgelegt.