



Application for a German passport for minors

You can only apply for a German passport during the respective opening hours by making an appointment online <https://harare.diplo.de/zw-de/service>.

Minor passport applicants submit their application **in person and accompanied by their legal guardians** (usually both parents). Children's passports or biometric passports can be issued by the mission abroad. Children's passports are valid for one year, biometric passports for minors for 6 years. However, the validity of children's passports ends no later than the child's 12th birthday.

Documents to be presented

Please bring the applicable documents listed below with you to the interview in the original, in the case of foreign documents in legalized version. If applicant was born in Zimbabwe, South Africa, etc., please submit the name declaration in accordance with the German naming law.

- Passport (if available)
- 1 biometric, current photograph
- If applicable, confirmation of deregistration of your last residence in Germany
- Proof of your Zimbabwean residence: residence permit from the Republic of Zimbabwe
- If possible, current civil status documents (if available, please German documents, if Zimbabwean documents are presented, please legalized version)
- Birth certificate of the child and
- Marriage certificate of the parents or excerpt from the family register of the parents, if the parents are or were married to each other
- If applicable, German name declaration (certificate of the German Register office)
- If applicable, proof of your German citizenship (in many cases the citizenship certificate of your parents is sufficient) or if you have been naturalized:
- Certificate of naturalization
- In case of loss/theft: please report the loss to the police
- If applicable, a travel or identity document issued by another state

Depending on the individual case, the submission of further documents may become necessary!

Fees: The fees are to be paid in **cash in USD** at the current daily exchange rate of the paying agent of the diplomatic mission or consular post abroad when the application is submitted.

Fees for residence in the district:

26,00 Euro Child passport

18,00 Euro	Extension children passport
58,50 Euro	Passport, 32 pages
90,50 Euro	Express passport, 32 pages
39,00 Euro	Temporary passport

Fees for residence outside the district:

39,00 Euro	Child passport
24,00 Euro	Extension child passport
96,00 Euro	Passport, 32 pages
128,00 Euro	Express passport, 32 pages
65,00 Euro	Temporary passport

Furthermore, please refer to the photo sample board.

- Image size 35 x 45 mm
- Face height between 32 - 36 mm from chin to hairline
- Head posture straight
- Frontal shot (no half profile)
- Neutral facial expression, lips closed

The risk of non-acceptance by Bundesdruckerei lies with the applicants.

Acceptability: The children's passport is not accepted by all countries, e.g. the USA. Therefore, before traveling, make sure that the country of travel accepts the document or that a biometric passport is required.

Processing time: A child's passport and a temporary passport can usually be issued within a few days by the foreign mission, provided there is jurisdiction and all necessary documents are available. The processing time for biometric passports is about 6 weeks. If the child is also registered in Germany or outside the respective official district, the foreign mission may have to obtain the authorization of the competent passport authority before issuing a passport. This will extend the processing time of your application and an additional fee will be charged (see above).

Pick-up: You can pick up your child's passport in person on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 2 and 3 pm. Please bring your previous passport with you, which will be returned to you upon request (e.g. because of still valid endorsements) after it has been cancelled by the passport office. You can also authorize another person in writing to collect your passport.

Nationality: The diplomatic mission abroad points out that neither the German passport nor the German identity card alone clearly prove possession of German nationality and reserves the right to carry out a more detailed check in cases of doubt. If necessary, the applicant must prove the existence of German citizenship - for example, by presenting a current citizenship certificate.

Notification of birth: As part of the passport application, the registration of the birth in a German civil status register can be requested. Additional costs will be incurred for this.

Please note: If both the German parents and their child were born outside Germany after 01.01.2000, the filing of a birth notification is a prerequisite for the transfer of German citizenship to the child (and thus the application for a German identity document). Please also refer to the information on our website regarding the non-acquisition of German citizenship in the case of birth abroad.

All information in this leaflet is based on findings at the time of writing. However, no guarantee can be given for the completeness and correctness, especially due to changes that have occurred in the meantime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the foreign mission responsible for you.