

Settlement permit or EC long-term residence permit

You want a settlement permit pursuant to § 9 (2) Residence Act (general basis for issuance) or permit for long-term residence in the EC pursuant to § 9a Residence Act.

The special legal bases for issuing a settlement permit are:

- § 9 (3) Residence Act (issuance for foreign married couples, schoolchildren and trainees, the disabled and other hardship cases)
- § 19 Residence Act (highly qualified)
- § 21 (4) Residence Act (self-employment)
- § 23 (2) Residence Act (Jewish immigrants)
- § 26 (3) Residence Act (persons entitled to asylum and Convention refugees)
- § 26 (4) Residence Act (humanitarian reasons)
- § 28 (2) Residence Act (relatives of German citizens)
- § 38 (1) no. 1 Residence Act (former German citizens)

General information:

Prerequisites under § 9 Residence Act:

- You are officially registered as having your main abode in Frankfurt (Oder).
- You have been in possession of a valid residence permit for 5 years.
- You have a secure means of financial support.
- You possess a valid passport with a valid place of residence.
- You have paid at least 60 months of compulsory contributions or voluntary contributions to the statutory retirement pension or have proof of expenditure on a claim to comparable benefits from an insurance or pension scheme or an insurance company (periods out of work due to childcare or domestic care are duly taken into account).
- During the last three years, you have not been sentenced to at least six months in prison or a young offenders institution for committing a deliberate offence or fined the equivalent of at least 180 days' wages.
- You are allowed to work as long as you are an employee or you are in possession of any other permits necessary to continue in gainful employment.
- You have sufficient knowledge of the German language and a basic knowledge of the legal and social system and the living conditions in Germany (in particular, proof of the successful completion of an integration course).
- You have sufficient living space for yourself and the members of your family living in the same household.

Other documents on request

The immigration office may be asked about requirements that are easier or harder with regard to an EC long-term residence permit and the above-mentioned special legal bases for the issue of a settlement permit.

An application for a settlement permit or permit for EC long-term residence must be made in person at the immigration office:

Stadt Frankfurt (Oder)
Amt für Öffentliche Ordnung/Ausländerbehörde
Marktplatz 1
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Documents required:

- Application form
- Passport
- Two up-to-date biometric passport photographs
- Proof of a secure means of financial support from your own gainful employment, your own assets or other personal means
- Proof of at least 60 months of compulsory contributions or voluntary contributions to the statutory retirement pension or proof of expenditure on a claim to comparable benefits from an insurance or pension scheme or an insurance company
- Proof of the successful completion of an integration course
- Tenancy agreement

Legal basis: §§ 9 (2) and (3), 9a, 19, 21 (4), 23 (2), 26 (3) and (4), 28, Residence Act

Fees:

- Processing fee €67.50 to €125.00
- Issue fee €135.00 to €250.00

The processing fee is taken into account in the issue fee.