

Application for naturalisation

General information

You have **three options** for applying for naturalisation:

- You can find the **online application** [here](#).
- You can submit the application **by e-mail** at einbuengerung@bochum.de.
- You can send the application **by post**. You can find the address [here](#).

How does the application process work? What proof do you need to provide?

Firstly, you will need the following to **submit your application**:

- The completed [application form](#)
- Your national passport or passport
- Your [residence permit](#) or the [certificate of freedom of movement for foreigners from the European Union](#)



Please **only send copies** of all **required documents**. The **originals** will be checked **at a later date**.

Only complete applications will be processed.

Forms and applications

- You can find the **application for naturalisation** [here](#).
- Information on the **Citizenship Act** can be found [here](#).
- The **questionnaire** to determine **German citizenship** can be found [here](#).

Processing time

Please note that the processing time for naturalisation procedures is currently around 12 months. Naturalisation applications are processed in the order in which they are received. Unfortunately, faster processing is not possible. Please do not contact the authorities.