



Immigration office

Reporting to the Foreigners' Registration Office

From 01.01.2025, the Dortmund Foreigners' Registration Office will be called the "Office for Migration"

Have you fled from Ukraine? You can find information on the Dortmund Immigration Office [>>here](#).

What to do if you move to Dortmund?

If you are moving to Dortmund from abroad or another city, you must register in person at the Foreigners' Registration Office.

Important: An appointment is necessary. You cannot come without an [appointment](#).

Note: Are you a citizen of the European Union? Then register with the [Citizens' Services](#), not with the Migration Office

What documents do you need?

If you are coming from abroad:

- [Registration form](#) (completed)
- [Certificate of residence](#) (completed)
- [Application form](#) (completed)
- National passport (original and copy)
- Biometric passport photo

For family reunification:

- Salary slips of the reference person (last 3, original and copy)
- [Employer's certificate of](#) the reference person

For studies or language course:

- Proof of funding
 - Declaration of commitment to study and current bank statement or
 - blocked account
- Proof of health insurance
- Certificate of enrolment or proof of language course

For work:

- [Copy of approval from the Federal Employment Agency](#)



- [Employer's certificate](#)
- Employment contract (original and copy)
- Means of payment to pay the fee

If you come from another city:

- [Registration form](#) (completed)
- [Certificate of residence](#) (completed)
- National passport (original and copy)
- Residence document (original and copy)
- Biometric passport photo
- Money for the fee

Where do you apply for a visa?

You apply for a visa in your home country at the German embassy.

The Immigration Office in Dortmund is often involved in the process, but the decision is made by the embassy.

You can find more information on this at: www.zfe.nrw.de

What is the Aliens Department responsible for?

The foreigners authority will issue you with a residence document, for example

- Visa
- residence permit
- EU Blue Card
- Settlement permit
- Residence permit
- Tolerated stay

She also takes care of

- Authorisations for work
- Housing regulations
- Enforcement of obligations to leave the country

What do you need to consider?

- **Work:** Clarify with the Foreigners' Registration Office whether you are authorised to work.
- **Documents:** Renew your residence document in good time.
- **National passport:** Apply for a new passport in good time.
- **Travelling:** Check whether you are allowed to travel with your document.
- **Deadlines:** An [appointment](#) is generally required for the renewal of residence permits (electronic residence permit eAT).



Declaration of commitment for a visit?

Would you like to invite someone from abroad? This is only possible with an appointment via [this link](#). You can find information on this in the information sheet:

[Information sheet for inviting visitors from abroad with a declaration of commitment in accordance with Section 68 in conjunction with Section 66 of the Residence Act](#)

When can you call the Foreigners' Registration Office?

You can reach us by telephone [on 0231 50-26399](tel:02315026399)

Monday to Friday: 8.00 - 12.00 hrs

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 13.00 - 15.30