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Your rights as a German citizen

- Universal suffrage
- Obtaining the so-called basic German rights (freedom of assembly, freedom of association, freedom of movement, freedom of occupation)
- Unforfeitable Right of Residence
- Access to civil servant status
- EU freedom of movement
- Consular protection abroad
- Visa freedom in many countries of the world

Requirements for German citizenship by naturalization

The person ...

- ... has lived permanently and lawfully in Germany for eight years
- ... has unlimited or permanent right of residence at the time of naturalization
- ... has clarified identity and nationality
- ... has commitment to the free democratic basic order of the Basic Law
- ... is in principle giving up the previous nationality
- ... has oral and written German language skills at level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- ... has proof of knowledge of the legal and social system and living conditions in Germany (i.e. has passed the  [naturalization test](#))
- ... is capable of independently securing the livelihood for themselves and dependents
- ... can guarantee their integration into German living conditions, in particular is not married with several spouses at the same time
- ... has no criminal conviction

The naturalization test

The test consists of 33 questions, 3 of which are state-related questions that only have to be answered for the federal state of Germany in which you live. For each question you have to choose the right answer from four possible answers. If you answer at least 17 questions correctly, you have passed the test. In recent years, well over 90% of participants have passed the test.

Sources

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