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Permit for subsidized housing

A housing eligibility certificate, also abbreviated to “B-certificate”, serves as proof that you meet the requirements to move into a subsidized apartment.

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There are different types of subsidized housing: for some, it is sufficient if the relevant income limit is met, while others are also reserved for certain groups of people (e.g. large families, severely disabled people, senior citizens over 60, etc.).

The housing eligibility certificate also specifies how large the subsidized apartment you can move into can be.

The general rule:

- 1 person: up to 50 sqm
- 2 persons: up to 60 sqm
- 3 persons: up to 75 sqm
- Each additional person: up to 10 sqm more

Deviations from this are possible in individual cases. We will be happy to tell you on request whether you are entitled to rent a larger subsidized apartment.

Validity of a general residence permit

According to the Lower Saxony Housing and Residential District Promotion Act (NWöFG), the housing eligibility certificate is valid for one year after it is issued.

Requirements for issuing a residence permit

Depending on the housing subsidy, there are different requirements that must be met.

In any case, however, the income limit applicable to housing must be observ

Foreign apartment seekers must have a valid residence permit that is valid for at least one year.

Income limits

The income limits depend on the size of the household and the respective housing subsidy.

Depending on the funding, the income limit according to Section 3 Paragraph 2 NWoFG must be observed or it can be exceeded by up to 60 percent.

We would be happy to provide you with information about the applicable income limits for subsidized apartments located in the area of the city of Braunschweig. For apartments located outside of the city, please contact the local city or municipal administration.

This **table** ([PDF \(Portable Document Format\) file 16.79 kB \(kilobyte\)](#)) gives you a rough overview of whether you comply with the relevant income limit.

application

If you would like to rent a subsidized apartment, your future landlord will ask you to present a certificate of eligibility for housing before signing a rental agreement.

You can submit the necessary application to us if you want to move into an apartment in Braunschweig. If you live in Braunschweig but are still looking for an apartment in another municipality in Lower Saxony, we will be happy to accept your application, but can only issue you a general residence permit if the requirements are met.

You can send us your application in writing with the required evidence or hand it in to us during our office hours.

The relevant forms can be downloaded from the server of the city of Braunschweig here:

- **[Application for residence permit](#)**
- **[Income declaration \(to be completed for each household member\)](#)**

Calculation examples for compliance with the income limit for a housing permit:

1. Hairdresser:in Career starter:in

Average annual gross:	21,600 €
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less advertising expenses allowance	1,000€
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less 10% health insurance	2,060 €
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less 10% pension insurance	2,060 €
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less 10% tax	<u>2,060 €</u>
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Eligible annual income	<u>14,420 €</u>
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The relevant income limit of €17,000 is met!

2. City chief secretary (middle-ranking civil servant), married, 1 child, sole breadwinner

Average annual gross:	36,150 €
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less advertising expenses allowance	1,000€
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less 10% health insurance	3,515 €
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less 10% tax	3,515 €
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Eligible annual income	<u>28,120 €</u>
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The relevant income limit of €29,000 is adhered to!

3. Geriatric nurse, married, spouse works part-time

Average annual gross:	27,000 €
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less advertising expenses allowance	1,000€
less 10% health insurance	2,600 €
less 10% pension insurance	2,600 €
less 10% tax	<u>2,600 €</u>
Eligible annual income	<u>18,200 €</u>

Average annual gross income of spouse:	7,200 €
less advertising expenses allowance	1,000€
less 10% health insurance	620 €
less 10% pension insurance	620 €
less 10% tax	<u>620 €</u>
Eligible annual income	<u>4,340 €</u>

The relevant income limit of €23,000 is met!

The calculation examples merely represent non-binding information and serve only as a guideline.

Further information on income calculation can be found in Appendix 3 of the application form.

DETAILS

Documents

Which documents need to be submitted in a specific case depends on your personal situation. To avoid unnecessary delays, please contact us to find out which evidence is required in your case. You can find the names and telephone numbers of your contact persons under the Contact section.

fees

Applying for a residence permit is subject to a fee.

General residence permit: 18.00 EUR

Special residence permit: 35.00 EUR

You can either pay the fee in cash to our clerks or - after receiving a fee notice - transfer the amount. However, the residence entitlement certificate cannot be issued until the money has been received.

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Finally, we would like to point out that the housing entitlement certificate entitles you to move into subsidized housing, but does not mean preferential consideration when allocating the apartment.

CONTACT

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