

Application for a German Passport (ePass) at the Consulate General in Hong Kong

General Information

You can apply for a passport at the German Consulate General in Hong Kong, if you are a resident in Hong Kong or Macao AND you are not registered in Germany anymore.

If you are registered in Germany or any other state than Hong Kong or Macao the application of a passport is only possible in exceptional cases and after consulting with the competent German passport authority. Not only will that cause a prolonged processing time but also increases the total cost of the passport. Additional charges of 60,00 EUR (if under the age of 24 years the additional charges amount to 37,50 EUR) are due at the time of application.

Applicants must be present *in person* at the Consulate, as it is obligatory to have the applicant's fingerprints scanned during the application process. This especially affects all passport applicants of six years and older. Please note that it is also obligatory for children under the age of 6 to be present at the application together with all persons having the custody of the child. Since 2012 child entries in the parents' passports are not valid anymore, therefore all children need their own travel documents when travelling abroad.

Applications can be processed within our office hours (Monday through Friday from 8.30am to 11.30am) It is not possible to book an appointment.

Processing time

It generally takes approx. 4 weeks from application to pick up of a passport. If the passport is needed earlier, it is possible to shorten the normal processing time to about 2 weeks for an additional fee of 32,00 EUR.

The current passport will be handed back to you right after the application process is completed. But please do not forget to bring the then old passport along when you pick up the new one!

Important notice

If the issuance of a temporary passport (equals an emergency passport with a 1-year validity) is unavoidable, please note that you are required to apply for a normal passport as well. The processing time for an emergency passport is 1-3 working days.

Validity of the passport

Applicants up to the age of 24 will receive a passport with a 6-years validity; over the age of 24 years the passport will be valid for 10 years. It is not possible to prolong the validity of a passport or to add pages when the passport is full before it expires.

All documents must be presented in original or certified copy.

Please provide all necessary documents (except the application form) also as copy for your file at the consulate.

Fees

All fees are payable either in Hong Kong Dollar (cash) or with a credit card (Visa or MasterCard only) on the day of your application!

Passport up to 24 years: 58,50 EUR = approx. 570,00 HKD depending on the exchange rate

Passport over 24 years: 81,00 EUR = approx. 770,00 HKD depending on the exchange rate

Express fee: 32,00 EUR = approx. 310,00 HKD depending on the exchange rate

48 pages surcharge: 22,00 EUR = approx. 210,00 HKD depending on the exchange rate

Additional fee if the consulate general in Hong Kong is not your competent passport authority:

60,00 EUR = approx. 570,00 HKD depending on the exchange rate

Required Documents

- A fully filled in and signed application form
- One up-to-date biometric photo
- Your birth certificate* (a legible copy is sufficient. If you do not have your German birth certificate anymore, please contact the registry office *Standesamt* in the town of your birth in order to receive another copy of it)
- cash (HKD) or credit card (Visa or MasterCard)
- your current Passport or Police report if the passport was lost or stolen
- if you are bi-national, your foreign passport
- Hong Kong ID-Card
- Proof of residence with a utility bill (electricity, gas, water etc.)
- De-Registration certificate (only necessary if you have a German, Swiss, Austrian, Belgian or Dutch place of residence in your passport)
- If applicable, marriage certificate*
- If applicable, documents proofing a name change through marriage or divorce
- If applicable, certificate of naturalization
- If applicable, documents of adoption process
- If applicable, granting of a doctorate (when the PhD was not acquired in Germany you have to present a letter from the competent Ministry of Education of any German federal state (place of your last German place of residence etc.) that includes the permission to have "Dr." as title without any endorsement)

For underage children please provide additionally:

- Passports of all persons having the custody of the child
- Hong Kong ID-Cards of all persons having custody of the child
- If applicable, marriage certificate* of the parents
- If applicable, proof of name change through marriage* or divorce*
- If applicable, certificate of naturalization of the persons having custody
- If applicable, acknowledgement of paternity
- If applicable, documents proving only one parent has custody over the child or death certificate if one parent is deceased

Please note that in individual cases it might be necessary to present further documents.

German ID-Card („Personalausweis“)

In order to apply for a German ID-Card you have to present all above mentioned documents as well; additionally: your previous German ID-Card.

You can find further information at www.personalausweisportal.de

The fee for a German ID-Card amounts to 52,80 EUR for under 24 years old and 58,80 EUR for applicants 24 years and above.

If you apply for a passport and an ID-Card at the same time, it is not necessary to present all documents double; just another photo and the fee for the ID-Card is sufficient.

* If you were born in Hong Kong or got married there, it is obligatory that all your original Hong Kong documents have a so called Apostille. You can apply for the Apostille at the following address:
Apostille Service Office, Room 115, Lower Ground 1st Floor, High Court Building, 38 Queensway, Hong Kong