

## Permanent EU residence permit

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With the permanent EU residence permit you can also live and work in Germany permanently. The permanent EU Residence permit (**Section 9a AufenthG (German Residence Act** [↗](#))) is a permanent residence permit which is basically comparable with the settlement permit. Holders of the permanent EU Residence permit can migrate to almost every EU country and get a Residence permit on facilitated conditions.

You get the permanent EU Residence permit, if you:

- have legally lived in Germany for at least five years.
- can support yourself and your family members to make a living.
- have a sufficient command of German and basic knowledge of the legal and social system and way of life in Germany.
- have sufficient living space for yourself and your family.
- have paid the compulsory or voluntary contributions to statutory pension insurance for at least 60 months.

For certain residence permits it is not possible to obtain the permanent EU Residence permit, e.g. those in possession of a Residence permit for educational purposes or for certain humanitarian reasons.

## Information on the web

### **Federal Foreign Office (FFO)**

You can find out which visa you need in order to come to Germany with the Visa-Navigator.

### **Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)**

Centre of Excellence for Asylum, Migration and Integration in Germany