

First application for a German child passport

This leaflet provides information on the following, frequent scenario:

The child lives in Ghana with the Ghanaian mother. The father was a German citizen at the time of the child's birth but is not married to the mother.

If you have further questions please contact the Embassy by e-mail: info@accra.diplo.de

I. Recognition of paternity'

In order to establish a legal relationship between the father and his child in the above mentioned scenario, a so-called **recognition of paternity** is required (§ 1592 German civil code). The recognition of paternity is a statement which the father of the child makes before a German authority / notary / consular officer.

This declaration has to be followed by a declaration of consent of the child's mother. Should the father live in Germany, he may give the declaration of the recognition of paternity in the youth office / registrar's office of his place of residence or before a German notary. The mother can then make her statement (declaration of consent) at the German Embassy in Accra.

For the declaration of recognition of paternity / consent in Ghana an **appointment** with the Embassy is necessary. For this purpose, please contact the Embassy by e-mail: info@accra.diplo.de

Please submit the Questionnaire for recognition of paternity and the original (or a legalized copy if the original cannot be submitted) and two copies of each of the following documents:

- Birth certificate of the child
- Birth certificate of the mother
- Mother's passport
- Father's passport
- Father's German naturalization certificate (if applicable)
- Recognition of paternity (if done separately)
- Affidavit on mother's marital status at moment of child's birth

In some cases a paternity test (DNA analysis) including father, mother and child may be requested by the Embassy.

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Questionnaire for Recognition of Paternity

Please fill in carefully

Personal data of the father:

Name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Place of residence:
Postal address (P.O.Box):
Telephone number (home/mobile):
Passport no.:
Date of issue:
Place of issue:
Issued by:
Valid until:

Personal data of the mother:

Name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Place of residence:
Postal address (P.O.Box):
Telephone number (home/mobile):
Marital status (single/married/divorced/widow):
Name of husband:
Passport no.:
Date of issue:
Place of issue:
Issued by:
Valid until:

Personal data of the child:

Name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Birth registered in:
Under number:

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The father of the child

▪ speaks German yes / no:
▪ speaks English yes / no:
▪ Needs a translator for the language:

The mother of the child

▪ speaks German yes / no:
▪ speaks English yes / no:
▪ Needs a translator for the language:

II. Name declaration

After the recognition of paternity, a so-called **name declaration** is required **in most cases**. If the child's father is a resident of Germany, he can make this statement at the registrar's office of his place of residence. Consequently, the mother can make an identical statement at the Embassy.

The name declaration can be made after the recognition of paternity or before applying for a child's passport.

Fees

For certifications the Embassy charges the following fees, payable in GHS when giving the declaration:

Paternity declaration/declaration of consent	No fee
Name declaration	25,00 EUR
Certifying of copies for the registrar's office in relation with the name declaration	10,00 EUR
Declaration on joint custody	65,00 EUR
Declaration on joint custody with oral translation into English	97,50 EUR

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