



German passport for minors

German citizens until the age of 12 can either apply for a “Kinderreisepass“ (child passport) or an “Europapass“ (regular biometric passport). German citizens older than 12 years will have to apply for a regular biometric passport.

All applicants have to **appear in person**. This also applies to infants. The applicant must be **accompanied by both parents**. If one parent cannot appear in person, a certified declaration of consent of the absent parents is required.

Children over the age of 6 years who apply for a regular biometric passport will have to give provide fingerprints at the time of application.

Required documents:

The following documents will have to be provided, in particular if a German citizen applies for a German passport for the first time and/or for the first time at the Embassy in Accra:

- Completed application form
- Two identical, biometrically-compatible, recent passport pictures
- Birth certificate
- If this is not the first passport: current German and/or Ghanaian passport
- Passports of parents or certified copy of the passports of parents (page with date and picture)
- Copy of parent’s and/or child’s German naturalisation certificate (if applicable)
- Parents’ marriage certificate (if applicable)
- If child is born out of wedlock: paternity acknowledgement and declaration of mothers consent
- Name certificate as result of a name declaration (if applicable)
- If one parent cannot appear in person: Statement of consent from the absent parent, signature certified by a German authority or a Notary Public
- Other documents such as adoption order, custody order etc. (if applicable)

Processing time

Since biometric passports are manufactured in Germany, the processing time takes 4-6 weeks. A child passport is issued directly by the Embassy, usually within few working days.

In complex cases (e.g. if an adoption order or a custody order is presented), the processing time may be considerably longer. In case of doubts concerning identity, parentage or age of a child, the embassy may ask for a DNA test, a document verification or medical approval of age.

Fees

The fees are payable in Ghana Cedis at application in accordance with the Embassy's current exchange rate.

“Kinderreisepass“ (child passport)	26,00 €
Biometric passport for German citizens under 24 years of age, valid 6 years	58,50 €
Surcharge: applicant is still registered in Germany	Double fee

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All applicants must book an appointment online through the Embassy's website: www.accra.diplo.de

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