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Questionnaire

Biography

Lebenslauf

Dear participant,

This biographical questionnaire provides supplementary information to the individual questionnaire. We collect this information only once.

Your participation is entirely voluntary.

The scientific validity of this survey depends, however, on the participation of every member of your household.

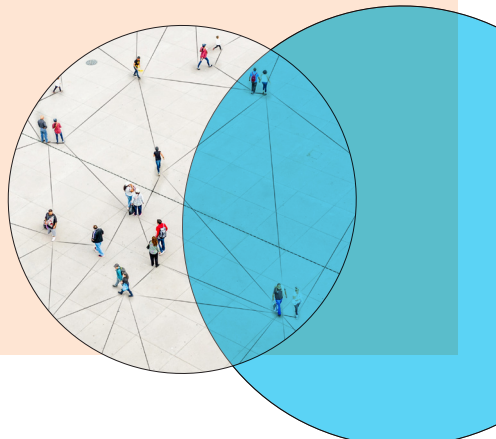
We therefore cordially request that you either

- allow our staff member to interview you
- or carefully fill out this questionnaire yourself.

This questionnaire is to be filled out by
(*ggf. von der Interviewerin/vom Interviewer auszufüllen*):

First name:


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Questionnaire

Biography

Lebenslauf

 Falls eine Interviewerin/ein Interviewer vor Ort, bitte angeben:

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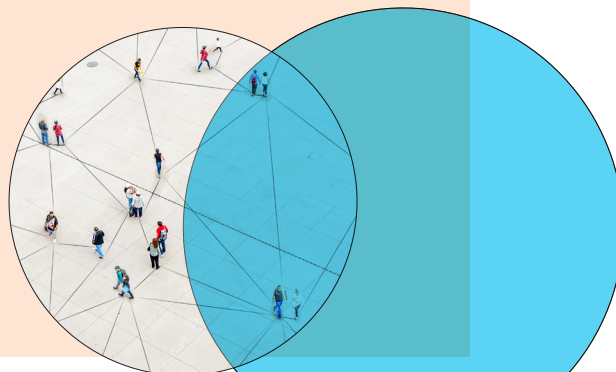
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Interviewernummer

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How should the questionnaire be filled out?

Make an X in the box next to the answer option that you think comes the closest. If you make a mistake, clearly cross out the wrong answer and make an X in the correct box.

Example:

Yes ☒

No ☐

If you change your mind and decide that you want to select the answer that you just crossed out, you will need to clearly cross out the second mistake and then make a circle around the box you had crossed out first.

Example:

Yes ☒

No ☒


When filling out the questionnaire, please pay attention to the instructions for each question:

Example:

 Please select one answer only.

If there is a blank for you to write your answer in, please print your answer in the blank.

Example:

Country: 

Sometimes you are asked to give numerical answers.

Please enter your answer by aligning numbers to the right in the spaces provided:

Example:

Number:

If you should skip certain questions, there will be specific instructions:

Example:

Yes ☐ → Continue with question 11

Please pay attention:

 use only a black pen to fill out the questionnaire.

 that the information is clearly legible.

 and that the information is inside the boxes.

This makes our work much easier. Thank you very much!

Further information

If you have any questions about filling out the questionnaire or about your participation in the study, you are welcome to contact us at infas.

You can call us during normal business hours at our toll-free number, 0800–6677876, or send us an e-mail at LiD@infas.de. We will respond to e-mails as quickly as possible. For more information on the study, please see the infas homepage at: www.leben-in-deutschland.de

Citizenship and origin

1 Where were you born?

In Germany within its pre-war boundaries prior to 1937 1 ☐

In an area that was German territory between 1938 and 1949 2 ☐

In West Germany (including West Berlin) 3 ☐

In East Germany (German Democratic Republic), including East Berlin 4 ☐

In the Saarland between 1947 and 1956 5 ☐


In Germany, 1990 or later 6 ☐

In another country 7 ☐

→ Continue with question 2

→ Continue with question 4, page 4

2 Where were you born? If there are other towns or cities with the same name, or if the town is very small, please state the nearest city.

 Please write the name of the town in the upper blank and any additional information in the lower blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf", "Frankfurt an der Oder", or "Frankfurt am Main" in the upper blank, and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden", write "Roßdorf" in the upper blank and "bei Schmalkalden" in the lower blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces that are outside Germany.

 Please give the current and / or German name!

City/town:



Closest city:



3 What federal state is your birthplace located in today?

Baden-Wuerttemberg 8 ☐

Bavaria 9 ☐

Berlin 11 ☐

Brandenburg 12 ☐

Bremen 4 ☐

Hamburg 2 ☐

Hesse 6 ☐

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania 13 ☐

Lower Saxony 3 ☐

North Rhine-Westphalia 5 ☐

Rhineland-Palatinate 7 ☐

Saarland 10 ☐

Saxony 14 ☐

Saxony-Anhalt 15 ☐

Schleswig-Holstein 1 ☐


Thuringia 16 ☐

Birthplace no longer part of Germany 17 ☐

→ Continue with question 125, page 29

→ Continue with question 4, page 4

4 Where were you born? If there are other towns or cities with the same name, or if the town is very small, please state the nearest city.


 Please write the name of the town in the upper blank and any additional information in the lower blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf", "Frankfurt an der Oder", or "Frankfurt am Main" in the upper blank, and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden", write "Roßdorf" in the upper blank and "bei Schmalkalden" in the lower blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces that are outside Germany.

 Please give the current and / or German name!

City/town:

Closest city:

5 What country is your birthplace located in today?

 If there have been political changes over time, please state the country's present-day name (if possible in German).

Country:

6 When did you first move to Germany?

 Please select one answer only.

Before 1945

1 ☐

Between 1945 and 1949 due to forced displacement or fleeing war

2 ☐

Between 1945 and 1949 for other reasons

3 ☐

Between 1950 and 1979

4 ☐

Between 1980 and 1999

5 ☐

Between 2000 and 2003

6 ☐

Between 2004 and 2009

7 ☐

2010 or later

8 ☐

→ Continue with question 125, page 29

→ Continue with question 7

How you came to Germany

7 The following questions are about when you left the country where you were born and about the different places you have stayed for more than three months since then. If you have spent three months or longer living in more than one foreign country, please answer these questions referring to up to three of these stays and, if applicable, your most recent move to Germany.

When did you first move abroad from the country where you were born?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month

Year

8 What country did you move to at that time?

To Germany 1 ☐

To another country 2 ☐ → Continue with question 16, page 6

9 When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

 Please select one answer only.

 The UK no longer counts as part of the EU since February 1, 2020.

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|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ethnic Germans (Spätaussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 11 |
| German, born and raised abroad | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 10 |
| Citizens of other countries | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

10 There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.


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|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Employed | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 12 |
| Job-seeker | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Student or trainee | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Asylum-seeker or refugee | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tourist | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| None of the above | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

11 Did you have a job lined up – that is, a job contract or freelance work – before moving to Germany?

Yes 1 ☐

No 2 ☐

12 Did you move away from Germany again after that?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

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|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| No, I have remained in Germany since then | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 51, page 12 |
| Yes, to another country | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 16, page 6 |
| Yes, back to the country where I was born | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 13 |

13 When did you return to the country where you were born?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Month | | Year | | | |

14 On what legal basis did you return to the country where you were born?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

On a different basis 6 ☐

 Please specify:



15 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

Moved to another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 16

Moved to Germany 2 ☐ → Continue with question 20

16 When did you move to that country?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

Month

Year

17 What country did you move to then?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.

Country: 

18 On what legal basis did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

On a different basis 6 ☐

 Please specify:



19 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To Germany 1 ☐ → Continue with question 20

To another country 2 ☐ → Continue with question 28, page 8

20 When did you move to Germany?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| Month | | Year | | | |

21 When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

 Please select one answer only.

 The UK no longer counts as part of the EU since February 1, 2020.

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|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ethnic Germans (Spätaussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 23 |
| German, born and raised abroad | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 22 |
| Citizens of other countries | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

22 There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

 Please select one answer only.


 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

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|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Employed | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 24 |
| Job-seeker | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Student or trainee | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Asylum-seeker or refugee | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tourist | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| None of the above | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

23 Did you have a job lined up – that is, a job contract or freelance work – before moving to Germany?

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| Yes | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

24 Did you move away from Germany again after that?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months.
We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

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|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| No, I have remained in Germany since then | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 51, page 12 |
| Yes, to another country | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 28, page 8 |
| Yes, back to the country where I was born | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 25 |

25 When did you return to the country where you were born?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| Month | | Year | | | |

26 On what legal basis did you return to the country where you were born?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

On a different basis 6 ☐

 Please specify:



27 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

Moved to another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 28

Moved to Germany 2 ☐ → Continue with question 32

28 When did you move to that country?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month

Year

29 What country did you move to then?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.

Country: 

30 On what legal basis did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

On a different basis 6 ☐

 Please specify:



31 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To Germany 1 ☐ → Continue with question 32

To another country 2 ☐ → Continue with question 40, page 10

32 When did you move to Germany?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| Month | | Year | | | |

33 When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

 Please select one answer only.

 The UK no longer counts as part of the EU since February 1, 2020.

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| Ethnic Germans (Spätaussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 35 |
| German, born and raised abroad | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 34 |
| Citizens of other countries | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

34 There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany. What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.


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|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Employed | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 36 |
| Job-seeker | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Student or trainee | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Asylum-seeker or refugee | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tourist | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| None of the above | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

35 Did you have a job before moving to Germany? In other words, did you have an employment contract or a contract for freelance work in Germany?

Yes 1 ☐

No 2 ☐

36 Did you move away from Germany again after that?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months.
We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

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|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| No, I have remained in Germany since then | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 51, page 12 |
| Yes, to another country | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 40, page 10 |
| Yes, back to the country where I was born | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 37 |

37 When did you return to the country where you were born?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| Month | | Year | | | |

38 On what legal basis did you return to the country where you were born?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

On a different basis 6 ☐

 Please specify:



39 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

Moved to another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 40

Moved to Germany 2 ☐ → Continue with question 44

40 When did you move to that country?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month

Year

41 What country did you move to then?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.

Country:



42 On what legal basis did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As an asylum-seeker or refugee 8 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

On a different basis 6 ☐

 Please specify:



43 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To Germany 1 ☐

To another country 2 ☐

44 When did you most recently move to Germany?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| Month | | Year | | | |

45 Did the COVID-19 pandemic delay your move to Germany?

Yes 1 ☐

No 2 ☐

46 When you moved to Germany, which group did you belong to?

 Please select one answer only.

 The UK no longer counts as part of the EU since February 1, 2020.

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|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ethnic Germans (Spätaussiedler), in other words, people of German descent from an Eastern European country | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 48 |
| German, born and raised abroad | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Citizens of EU or EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 47 |
| Citizens of other countries | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

47 There are different legal frameworks for immigrating to Germany.
What about you: What was your immigration status at the time of your arrival in Germany?

 Please select one answer only.

 Au-pairs and interns are considered employed.


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|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Employed | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 49 |
| Job-seeker | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Student or trainee | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Family reunification (for example, as the spouse or child of someone with a residence permit) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Asylum-seeker or refugee | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tourist | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| None of the above | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

48 Did you have a job before moving to Germany? In other words, did you have an employment contract or a contract for freelance work in Germany?

Yes 1 ☐

No 2 ☐

49 How many times have you spent more than three months living in a different country than the one where you were born?

 We are referring to continuous stays of more than three months outside the country where you were born. This includes stays in Germany. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

Number of longer-term stays:

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50 How much time in total did you spend on all of these longer stays outside the country where you were born?

 Please include your current stay in Germany.

 If not applicable, please enter „0“ (for instance, 3 years 0 months, or 0 years 5 months)

Years

Months

51 Did you receive a visa or residence permit when you most recently moved to Germany?

Yes

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No

☐

→ Continue with question 59, page 16

52 We want to ask again to be sure: Was your visa or residence permit for this last move to Germany issued before or after March 1, 2020?

Before March 1, 2020

☐

→ Continue with question 53

After March 1, 2020

☐

→ Continue with question 55, page 14

53 What type of visa or residence permit do you have today?

 Please look in your visa or residence permit.

Study visa (§16 AufenthG)

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Visa for language acquisition (§16b AufenthG)

☐

Visa for basic and advanced vocational training (§17 AufenthG)

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Recognition of foreign professional qualifications (§17a AufenthG)

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Study-related training programs EU (§17b AufenthG)

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Visa for qualified employment (§18 AufenthG)

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Visa for employment without vocational qualifications (§18(3) AufenthG)

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Work visa based on an intergovernmental agreement (§18(2) AufenthG)

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Work visa under the visa regulation for West Balkan countries (§26 Abs. 2 BeschV)

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Permanent residency for graduates of German universities (§18b AufenthG)

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Visa for qualified skilled workers seeking employment (§18c AufenthG)

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Work visa – permanent residency for highly qualified foreigners (§19 AufenthG)

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Work visa – EU Blue Card (§19a AufenthG)

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Research visa (§20 AufenthG)

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Work visa – ICT Card for intra-corporate transferees (§19b AufenthG)

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Visa for self-employment (§21 AufenthG)

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Family reunification (spouse or children) (§§27-36a AufenthG)

☐

Other residence permit

☐

Please specify:



54 What type of visa or residence permit did you receive when you most recently moved to Germany?

- Study visa (§16 AufenthG) 1 ☐
- Visa for language acquisition (§16b AufenthG) 2 ☐
- Visa for basic and advanced vocational training (§17 AufenthG) 3 ☐
- Recognition of foreign professional qualifications (§17a AufenthG) 4 ☐
- Study-related training programs EU (§17b AufenthG) 5 ☐
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- Work visa – ICT Card for intra-corporate transferees (§19b AufenthG) 15 ☐
- Visa for self-employment (§21 AufenthG) 16 ☐
- Family reunification (spouse or children) (§§27-36a AufenthG) 17 ☐
- Other residence permit 18 ☐

↓ Please specify:



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55 What type of visa or residence permit do you have today?

Skilled workers with vocational training qualifications (Residence Act §18a) 1 ☐

Skilled workers holding a university degree, with consent of the Federal Employment Agency (Residence Act §18b (1)) 2 ☐

Skilled workers holding a Blue Card with an annual earnings ceiling (Residence Act §18b (2)) 3 ☐

Permanent settlement permit for skilled workers, teaching personnel, or researchers (Residence Act §18c) 4 ☐

Temporary residence permit for skilled workers with a vocational training qualification or university degree seeking employment, or to seek a training place or a place in higher education (Residence Act §20, §17) 5 ☐

Temporary residence permit for the purpose of employment for qualified foreigners whose deportation has been suspended (Residence Act §19d) 6 ☐

Temporary residence permit for recognition of foreign professional qualifications (Residence Act §16d) 7 ☐

Temporary residence permit for the purpose of self-employment (Residence Act §21) 8 ☐

ICT Card for intra-corporate transferees (Residence Act §19, §19b) 9 ☐

Temporary residence permit for family reunification (subsequent immigration of dependents including spouses and registered partners, children, parents, or other family members, Residence Act §§27-36a) 10 ☐

Short-term mobility for intra-corporate transferees (Residence Act §19a) 11 ☐

Temporary residence permit for research purposes (Residence Act §18d) 12 ☐

Short-term mobility for researchers (Residence Act §18e) 13 ☐

Temporary residence permit for mobile researchers (Residence Act §18f) 14 ☐

Temporary residence permit for full-time or part-time studies, preparatory courses for studying, or preparatory traineeship (Residence Act §16b) 15 ☐

Temporary residence permit to attend language courses or school or to participate in school exchange programs (Residence Act §16f) 16 ☐

Temporary residence permit to complete vocational training or advanced vocational training or school-based vocational training (Residence Act §16a) 17 ☐

Temporary residence permit to complete study-related EU training programs in accordance with Directive 2016/801/EU (Residence Act §16e) 18 ☐

Other residence permit (for example, irrespective of qualifications as skilled worker by intergovernmental agreement or Residence Act §19c, §19e, Ordinance on the Employment of Foreigners §26 Abs. 2) 19 ☐

↓ Please specify:



56 What type of visa or residence permit did you receive when you most recently moved to Germany?

Skilled workers with vocational training qualifications
(Residence Act §18a) 1 ☐

Skilled workers holding a university degree, with consent of
the Federal Employment Agency (Residence Act §18b (1)) 2 ☐

Skilled workers holding a Blue Card with an annual earnings ceiling
(Residence Act §18b (2)) 3 ☐

Permanent settlement permit for skilled workers, teaching
personnel, or researchers (Residence Act §18c) 4 ☐

Temporary residence permit for skilled workers with a vocational training
qualification or university degree seeking employment, or to seek a
training place or a place in higher education (Residence Act §20, §17) 5 ☐

Temporary residence permit for recognition of foreign professional
qualifications (Residence Act §16d) 7 ☐

Temporary residence permit for the purpose of self-employment
(Residence Act §21) 8 ☐

ICT Card for intra-corporate transferees (Residence Act §19, §19b) 9 ☐

Temporary residence permit for family reunification
(subsequent immigration of dependents including spouses and
registered partners, children, parents, or other family members,
Residence Act §§27-36a) 10 ☐

Short-term mobility for intra-corporate transferees
(Residence Act §19a) 11 ☐

Temporary residence permit for research purposes
(Residence Act §18d) 12 ☐

Short-term mobility for researchers (Residence Act §18e) 13 ☐

Temporary residence permit for mobile researchers
(Residence Act §18f) 14 ☐

Temporary residence permit for full-time or part-time studies,
preparatory courses for studying, or preparatory traineeship
(Residence Act §16b) 15 ☐

Temporary residence permit to attend language courses or school
or to participate in school exchange programs (Residence Act §16f) 16 ☐

Temporary residence permit to complete vocational training or
advanced vocational training or school-based vocational training
(Residence Act §16a) 17 ☐

Temporary residence permit to complete study-related EU training
programs in accordance with Directive 2016/801/EU
(Residence Act §16e) 18 ☐


Other residence permit (for example, irrespective of qualifications
as skilled worker by intergovernmental agreement or Residence Act
§19c, §19e, Ordinance on the Employment of Foreigners §26 Abs. 2) 19 ☐

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↓ Please specify:



57 Would you have come to Germany if it had not been possible through family reunification?

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|---|----------------------------|
| Yes, for work | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, to attend university | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, to complete a university degree, vocational training, or an internship | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, to obtain recognition of a foreign professional qualification | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, to look for work | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, for another reason | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No, I would not have come | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |

→ Continue with question 59

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58 Why wouldn't you have come to Germany?

 Please select all that apply.

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| Too much bureaucratic paperwork | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't fulfill the language requirements for a different type of visa | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't fulfill the professional requirements for a different type of visa | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't fulfill the educational requirements for a different type of visa | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't fulfill other requirements for a different type of visa | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

59 Did you need a visa for a longer-term stay or to take up employment in Germany?

Yes 1 ☐ No 2 ☐ → Continue with question 66



60 What were the requirements to apply for a visa to enter Germany?

 Please select all that apply.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Job offer or contract | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirmation of vocational training position or contract | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirmation of internship | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum wage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirmation of university admission | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of financing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proof of German language proficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Degrees, diplomas, certifications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Certificate of recognition of foreign professional qualifications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Marriage certificate / birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other documents | <input type="checkbox"/> |

↓ Please specify:



61 How long did it take to get an appointment at the embassy or consulate?

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 – 3 months | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 – 6 months | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 – 12 months | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| more than 12 months | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |

62 When did you apply for a visa?

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Month Year

63 When were you notified of the outcome of your visa application?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month Year

64 Did the entire visa procedure (translation, notarization, visa, etc.) cost you anything?

- Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 → Continue with question 66
- ↓

65 How much did the entire visa procedure cost (in euros)?

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| | | | | | |
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 euros

66 How did you find out about Germany and the conditions of entry before coming to Germany?

 Please select all that apply.

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|---|----------------------------|
| Through the Service Center for Professional Recognition (ZSBA) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Through the Hotline „Working and Living in Germany“ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through websites such as Make-it-in-Germany, Germany-Work | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through the German foreign mission (for example, the German consulate) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through German schools or institutes abroad (for example, the Goethe Institute) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through family members | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through friends and acquaintances in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through friends and acquaintances in my country of origin | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Through social media such as Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> |

67 How well informed were you about German labor law—for instance, about pay (the minimum wage), working hours, and workers' rights—before you came to Germany?

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Extremely well | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very well | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fairly well | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Poorly | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not at all | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |

68 What were your reasons for moving to Germany?


 Please select all that apply.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Because I can earn more by working in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of the overall economic situation in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because family members live here | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because friends or acquaintances live here | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because a lot of other people from my country of origin live here | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because human rights are respected in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of the German education system | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of the German social welfare system | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of feeling welcome in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because I was unable to enter another country | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of German immigration law | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of the German asylum procedure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It happened by chance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other reasons | <input type="checkbox"/> |

69 When coming to Germany, a number of problems and obstacles may arise. How much of an obstacle did the following pose to you?

| | Small obstacle 1 | Medium obstacle 2 | Large obstacle 3 | Very large obstacle 4 | Does not apply 5 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| The bureaucratic paperwork to get my entry visa | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The bureaucratic paperwork to get my degree recognized | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Finding understandable information on German immigration rules | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Finding understandable information on the German labor market | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My job search | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My partner's job search | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Finding care options for my child / children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leaving my relatives or friends | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Coming to Germany with my partner | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Entry restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

 Please specify:



70 Had you originally planned to go to other countries than Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 72



71 Which countries would you have liked to have gone to? Please state up to three other countries (besides Germany) you would have liked to go to. Furthermore, please state the corresponding order, i.e. which country was your desired destination and which countries you would have prioritized less strongly.

Please state the priority with the values from 1 to a maximum of 4. The value 1 stands for the highest priority, the value 4 for the lowest priority.

Please assign each value only once and according to the total number of countries. For example, if you only specified two other countries besides Germany, please only use the values 1 to 3.

Desired destination (country):

Priority:

Germany



72 What best describes your living situation immediately after moving to Germany?

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

I moved into an existing household ☐ ¹

I established a new household ☐ ²

I initially lived in a community home, asylum seekers' home, temporary accommodation ☐ ³

73 What city or town in Germany did you move to? If there are other towns or cities with the same name, or if the town is very small, please state the nearest city.

If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

Please write the name of the town in the upper blank and any additional information in the lower blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf", "Frankfurt an der Oder", or "Frankfurt am Main" in the upper blank, and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden", write "Roßdorf" in the upper blank and "bei Schmalkalden" in the lower blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces that are outside Germany.

City/town:




Closest city:



74 What federal state is that town or city located in today?

| | | |
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| Baden-Wuerttemberg | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bavaria | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Berlin | 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brandenburg | 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bremen | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamburg | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hesse | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower Saxony | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Rhine-Westphalia | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rhineland-Palatinate | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saarland | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony | 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony-Anhalt | 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schleswig-Holstein | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thuringia | 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

75 What was your main reason for choosing this town or city as your first home in Germany?

 If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

| | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Because family members lived there | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because friends / acquaintances lived there | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Placed there by a government agency (for example, as a refugee, asylum seeker, ethnic German immigrant) | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of the low rent | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Job-related reasons | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Because of the convenient location (close to work, campus, etc.) | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other reasons | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

76 How long in total did you live in that first town or city?

 If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

 If not applicable, please enter „0“ (for example, 3 years 0 months, or 0 years 5 months)

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | Years | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | Months |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--------|

77 Which of the following was your main reason for moving to Germany?

 *If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.*


Family reasons / partnership 1 ☐

Economic reasons 2 ☐

Political reasons (discrimination, distress, persecution, war) 3 ☐

Other reasons 4 ☐

 Please specify:



78 When you moved to Germany, did you have the help of any relatives or friends who already lived in Germany?

 *If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.*

 Please select all that apply.

Yes, from relatives 1 ☐

Yes, from acquaintances in Germany ☐

Yes, from acquaintances in the country I am from ☐

Yes, from acquaintances from another country ☐

No ☐

79 How well did you know German before moving to Germany? How well could you...

 *If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.*

| | Extremely well 1 | Very well 2 | Fairly well 3 | Poorly 4 | Not at all 5 |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ... speak German? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... write in German? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... read German? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

80 Have you ever taken German language classes, either before or after moving to Germany or in Germany?

Yes 1 ☐ No 2 ☐  Continue with question 82, page 22

81 How many hours of class have you had, in total, in all of the German language courses you have taken since coming to Germany?

1 – 100 hours 1 ☐

101 – 300 hours 2 ☐

301 – 600 hours 3 ☐

more than 600 hours 4 ☐

 Continue with question 83, page 22

82 Have you taken a German language exam without having taken a German language class?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 84



83 What is the highest level of German proficiency you attained before moving to Germany?

Level A1 ☐ ¹

Level A2 ☐ ²

Level B1 ☐ ³

Level B2 ☐ ⁴

Level C1 ☐ ⁵

Level C2 ☐ ⁶

I have not yet been awarded a language proficiency level ☐ ⁷

→ Continue with question 84

84 Have you taken part in the integration course provided by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees since moving to Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 89



85 When did the integration course begin?

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Month Year

86 When did the integration course end?

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Month Year

The course is still going on ☐ ¹ → Continue with question 89

87 Did you take a German language exam at the end of your integration course?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 89



88 What level of German proficiency did you attain as documented in the certificate you received at the end of the integration course?

A2 not reached ☐ ⁶

Level A2 ☐ ²

Level B1 ☐ ³

I didn't receive any certificate ☐ ⁵

89 Have you taken part in the occupational German language courses provided by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees since moving to Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 94



90 When did the occupational German course provided by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees begin?

If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month Year

91 When did the occupational German course provided by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees end?

If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month Year

The course is still going on ¹ ☐ → Continue with question 94

92 Did you take a German exam at the end of this occupational German course provided by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees?

Yes ¹ ☐ No ² ☐ → Continue with question 94



93 What level of German proficiency did you attain as documented in the certificate you received after taking this exam?

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Level A1 | ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level A2 | ² <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level B1 | ³ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level B2 | ⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level C1 | ⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Level C2 | ⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I didn't pass the test | ⁹ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I received a different certification | ⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I didn't receive any certificate | ⁸ <input type="checkbox"/> |

94 Have you taken part in other German language courses since moving to Germany?

Yes ¹ ☐ No ² ☐ → Continue with question 98, page 24



95 When did this other German language course start?

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Month Year

96 When did this other German language course end?

In the case of a series of courses that build on each other, or several different courses, please state the end of the last course

If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month Year

The course is still going on ¹ ☐ → Continue with question 98, page 24

97 How many hours in total did your German course last?

In the case of a series of courses that build on each other, or several different courses, please state the total amount of hours of all the courses

If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Hours

98 Have you taken a German language exam since moving to Germany?Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 99**98a** What is the highest level of German proficiency you have attained since moving to Germany, as documented in the certificate you received after completing a language course or taking an exam?

Please answer for your last German test.

Level A1 ☐ ¹Level A2 ☐ ²Level B1 ☐ ³Level B2 ☐ ⁴Level C1 ☐ ⁵Level C2 ☐ ⁶I have not yet been awarded a language proficiency level ☐ ⁷

Relationship at the time of moving to Germany**99** A relationship, whether marriage or otherwise, can affect our decisions, sometimes to a greater and sometimes to a lesser extent. We therefore ask you to think back to before you moved to Germany—before you made the decision to move here.

Were you in a serious relationship before moving to Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 104**100** Did this relationship continue after you moved to Germany?Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 104**101** Who played the decisive role in your decision to move here— who was the driving force in that decision?My partner ☐ ¹I was ☐ ²Both to an equal extent ☐ ³**102** Are you still in this relationship today?No ☐ ² Yes ☐ ¹ → Continue with question 104**103** What was the situation when you moved to Germany: Which of you moved to Germany first, or did you move to Germany together?My (former) partner did not move to Germany ☐ ⁵We moved to Germany at the same time ☐ ⁴My partner was already living in Germany when we met ☐ ³I moved to Germany before my partner ☐ ²My partner moved to Germany before me ☐ ¹

Work before moving to Germany

104 Were you ever employed before moving to Germany?


Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 112, page 26

105 What country were you last employed in before your (most recent) move to Germany?

 Please give the country's present-day German name



106 What was your occupation before moving to Germany?

 Please state the specific job title. For example, do not write „clerk“ but rather „shipping clerk“, not „blue-collar worker“ but rather „machine metalworker“.



107 What was your occupational status before moving to Germany?

 Please answer for your last job before moving.

Manual (including agricultural) workers without management responsibilities 1 ☐

Manual (including agricultural) workers with management responsibilities 2 ☐

Self-employed people, or relatives working for self-employed person 3 ☐


Salaried employees without management responsibilities 4 ☐


Salaried employees with management responsibilities 5 ☐

Civil servants / public administrators, including judges and professional military without management responsibilities 6 ☐


Civil servants / public administrators, including judges and professional military with management responsibilities 7 ☐


108 What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

 Please state the specific term for the branch / sector, for example, not „industry“ but rather „electronics industry“; not „trade“ but rather „retail trade“; not „health care“ but rather „hospital.“



109 What was your net income in that occupation before moving to Germany?

 Please state the local currency that you were paid in, and the net amount of your last monthly paycheck in the local currency.

Local currency: 

Net income:

110 How many hours did you work per week on average in that job?

 Please state the number of hours rounding fractions to the first decimal place.

hours per week: ,

111 What was the last year and month that you were employed at that job?

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| Month | | Year | | | |

First job in Germany

112 Have you ever been employed in Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 179, page 37

↓

113 When did you start your first paid job in Germany?

☞ If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

☞ If you don't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| | | | | | |
| Month | | Year | | | |

114 Did you look for your first job in Germany before moving to Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ } → Continue with question 115

No, only after moving to Germany ☐ ² }

I received a job offer before moving to Germany without looking for a job ☐ ³ → Continue with question 118

115 How did you look for your first job in Germany?

☞ If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

☞ Please select all that apply.

| | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Through the Federal Employment Agency / Jobcenter | <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 117 |
| Through an employment agency in my country of origin | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through an employment service for foreigners | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a private employment service | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a job ad in the newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a job ad on the Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 116 |
| Through a social network on the Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through acquaintances, friends | <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 117 |
| Through family members | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through business contacts in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| I was self-employed in my first job in Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

116 Where is this person from?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| From Germany | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| From your country of origin | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| From another country | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

117 Did you find out about your first job in Germany before moving to Germany?

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|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 118 |
| No, only after moving to Germany | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 120, page 28 |

118 Before you moved to Germany: How did you find out about your first job in Germany?

 If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move

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|--|----|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Through the Federal Employment Agency / Jobcenter | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 122, page 28 |
| Through an employment agency in my country of origin | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through an employment service for foreigners | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a private employment service | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a job ad in the newspaper | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a job ad on the Internet | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 119 |
| Through a social network on the Internet | 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through acquaintances, friends | 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 122, page 28 |
| Through family members | 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through business contacts in Germany | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| I was self-employed in my first job in Germany | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other | 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

119 Where is this person from?

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| From Germany | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 122, page 28 |
| From your country of origin | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| From another country | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

120 What about after moving to Germany: How did you find out about your first job?

 If you have moved to Germany more than once in your life, please answer for your last move.

| | | | |
|--|----|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Through the Federal Employment Agency / Jobcenter | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 122 |
| Through an employment agency in my country of origin | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through an employment service for foreigners | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a private employment service | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a job ad in the newspaper | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a job ad on the Internet | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through a social network on the Internet | 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 121 |
| Through acquaintances, friends | 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Through family members | 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> | } Continue with question 122 |
| Through business contacts in Germany | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| I was self-employed in my first job in Germany | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other | 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

121 Where is this person from?

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| From Germany | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| From your country of origin | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| From another country | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

122 What was your net monthly income in your first month in that job?

 Please try to remember the amount in euros or, if applicable, in deutschmarks or East German marks.

| | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Net amount: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | in euros | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | in deutschmarks | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | in East German marks | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

123 What was your gross monthly income in your first month in that job?

 Please try to remember the amount in euros or, if applicable, in deutschmarks or East German marks.

| | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Gross amount: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | in euros | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | in deutschmarks | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | in East German marks | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |


124 What were your average weekly working hours in that job?

 Please state the number of hours, rounding fractions to the first decimal place

hours per week: , → Continue with question 164, page 35

Your Stays Abroad

- 125** Many people live in different countries over the course of their lives. What about you? Have you always lived in Germany or have you lived in another country besides Germany for more than three months?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

Yes, I have always lived in Germany ☐ ¹ → Continue with question 150, page 33

No, I have also lived in another country ☐ ²



- 126** The following questions are about stays abroad lasting longer than three months. If you have had more than one stay abroad lasting longer than three months, please answer for up to three stays abroad, and if applicable, for the last one as well.

What country did you move to first?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.



- 127** When did you move to that country?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| | | | | | |
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Month

Year

- 128** Why did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer ☐ ¹

As a spouse, child, or other family member ☐ ⁴

As a student or vocational trainee ☐ ³

As a job-seeker ☐ ²


For a different reason ☐ ⁶



Please specify:



- 129** Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives

To another country ☐ ¹ → Continue with question 132, page 30

Directly to Germany ☐ ² → Continue with question 130

- 130** When did you move to Germany?


 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month

Year

131 What about after you had lived in Germany for a while: Did you move away again?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have stayed in Germany ever since 2 ☐ → Continue with question 150, page 33

Yes, to another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 132

132 What country did you move to second?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.



133 When did you move to that country?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|

Month

Year

134 Why did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐


As a job-seeker 2 ☐

For a different reason 6 ☐

↓ Please specify:



135 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

To another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 138

Directly to Germany 2 ☐ → Continue with question 136

136 When did you move to Germany?


 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|

Month

Year

137 What about after you had lived in Germany for a while: Did you move away again?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have stayed in Germany ever since 2 ☐ → Continue with question 150, page 33

Yes, to another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 138

138 What country did you move to third?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.



139 When did you move to that country?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate

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| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|

Month

Year

140 Why did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

For a different reason 6 ☐



Please specify:



141 Did you move to another country after that or directly to Germany?

To another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 144, page 32

Directly to Germany 2 ☐ → Continue with question 142

142 When did you move to Germany?


 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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Month

Year

143 What about after you had lived in Germany for a while: Did you move away again?

 We are referring here to a continuous stay in another country lasting more than three months. We are not referring to shorter stays such as vacations or visits to relatives.

No, I have stayed in Germany ever since 2 ☐ → Continue with question 150, page 33

Yes, to another country 1 ☐ → Continue with question 144, page 32

144 Now we are just interested in your last stay abroad:
What country did you move to last?

 We are only referring to stays lasting three months or longer.

 Please give the country's present-day German name.



145 When did you move to that country?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

Month

Year

146 Why did you move to that country?

 Please select one answer only.

As an employed person who already had a job offer 1 ☐

As a spouse, child, or other family member 4 ☐

As a student or vocational trainee 3 ☐

As a job-seeker 2 ☐

For a different reason 6 ☐



Please specify:



147 When did you move back to Germany after your last stay abroad?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

Month

Year

148 How many times have you spent more than three months living abroad?

 We are referring to stays abroad lasting more than three months, including the four mentioned above.

Number of stays abroad lasting more than three months:

149 How much time in total did you spend on all of these longer stays abroad?

 We are referring to stays abroad lasting more than three months, including the four mentioned above.

 If not applicable, please enter „0“ (for instance, 3 years 0 months, or 0 years 5 months)

Years

Months

Employment

150 How old were you when you first started working?

 We are not referring to vocational training but to your first job after you completed your training!

years old: → Continue with question 151

Have not yet held a job / have not yet completed in-service training ☐ → Continue with question 179, page 37

151 Are you still doing the same type of work today as you did in your first job?

Yes ☐ No ☐ → Continue with question 154

152 Are you still in the same position as when you first started?

Yes ☐ No ☐ → Continue with question 154

153 Are you still working for the same employer as in your first job?

 If you are self-employed: Do you still have the same business / same line of work as you did at that time?

No ☐ Yes ☐ → Continue with question 179, page 37

154 What occupational status did you have at that time (in your first job)?

 Please select one answer only.

Occupational status

Blue-collar worker (including agricultural workers) ☐ → Continue with question 155

Self-employed (including family members working for the self-employed) ☐ → Continue with question 156

White-collar worker ☐ → Continue with question 158, page 34

Civil servant or public administration employee (including judges and professional military personnel) ☐ → Continue with question 159, page 34

155 What type of blue-collar were you exactly?

Blue-collar worker

Unskilled worker (ungelernt) ☐
Semi-skilled worker (angelernt) ☐
Trained worker (gelernter Arbeiter) or skilled worker (Facharbeiter) ☐ → Continue with question 160, page 34

156 What type of self-employment was that exactly?

Self-employment

Self-employed farmer ☐
Freelancer, independent academic ☐
Other self-employed worker / entrepreneur ☐
Assisting self-employed family member(s) ☐ → Continue with question 160, page 34

157 How many employees did you have?

- None 1 ☐
- 1-9 2 ☐
- 10 or more 3 ☐

 **Continue with question 160**

158 What type of white-collar worker were you exactly?**White-collar worker**


- Salaried employee engaged in unskilled work without completed training / education 1 ☐
- Salaried employee engaged in unskilled work with completed training / education 2 ☐
- Salaried employee engaged in skilled work (administration, bookkeeping, technical drafting) 3 ☐
- Salaried employee engaged in highly skilled work or managerial activities (university research, engineering, production supervision, etc.) 4 ☐

 **Continue with question 160**

159 What type of civil servant were you exactly?**Civil servants**

- Lower grade civil servant 1 ☐
- Middle grade civil servant 2 ☐
- Upper grade civil servant 3 ☐
- Senior grade civil servant 4 ☐

160 What type of work did you do in your first job?

 Please state the specific job title. For example, do not write „clerk“ but rather „shipping clerk“, not „blue-collar worker“ but rather „machine metalworker“.




161 What kind of training is usually required for this kind of work?


- No completed vocational training is required 1 ☐
- Completed vocational training 2 ☐
- Degree from a vocational university / university of applied sciences 3 ☐
- Degree from a university or other institution of higher education 4 ☐

162 Was the company you worked for at that time part of the public sector or public administration?

- Yes 1 ☐
- No 2 ☐

163 What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

 Please state the specific term for the branch / sector, for example, not “industry” but rather “electronics industry”; not “trade” but rather “retail trade”; not “health care” but rather “hospital”.

 Please enter in block letters!



164 Have you changed occupations one or more times since then, such that the type of work you do has changed significantly?

Yes, once ¹ ☐

Yes, several times ² ☐

No ³ ☐

→ Continue with question 165

→ Continue with question 166

165 What year did you switch to your current or last occupation?

Year:

166 Are you currently employed?

No ² ☐


Yes ¹ ☐

→ Continue with question 179, page 37

167 What was the last year you were employed?

Year:

168 What was your last occupation?

 Please state the specific job title. For example, do not write „clerk“ but rather „shipping clerk“, not „blue-collar worker“ but rather „machine metalworker“.



169 Were you last employed full-time, part-time, or marginally in your last job?

Employed full-time (at least 35 hours per week) ¹ ☐

Employed part-time (20 to 34 hours per week) ² ☐


Marginally or irregularly employed ³ ☐

170 Was the company where you held your last job part of the public sector or public administration?

Yes ¹ ☐

No ² ☐

171 What sector of business or industry was your company or institution active in for the most part?

 Please state the specific term for the branch / sector, for example, not “industry” but rather “electronics industry”; not “trade” but rather “retail trade”; not “health care” but rather “hospital”.

 Please enter in block letters!



172 What was your occupational status in your last job?

 If you had more than one job at that time, please answer the following for your main job only!

Occupational status

- | | | |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Blue-collar worker (including agricultural workers) | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 173 |
| Self-employed (including family members working for the self-employed) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 174 |
| Apprentice / trainee / intern | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 176 |
| White-collar worker | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 177 |
| Civil servant or public administration employee (including judges and professional military personnel) | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 178 |

173 What type of blue-collar worker were you exactly?**Blue-collar worker**

- | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Unskilled worker | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 179 |
| Semi-skilled worker | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Skilled worker | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Foreman / forewoman | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Master craftsman | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

174 What type of self-employment was that exactly?**Self-employment**

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Self-employed farmer | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 175 |
| Freelancer, independent academic | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other self-employed worker / entrepreneur | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Assisting self-employed family member(s) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 179 |

175 How many employees did you have?

- | | | |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| None | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 179 |
| 1-9 | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 10 or more | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

176 What type of apprentice / trainee / intern were you exactly?**Apprentice / trainee and intern**

- | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Apprentice / trainee in industry or technology | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 179 |
| Apprentice / trainee in trade or commerce | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Volunteer, internship, etc. | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

177 What type of white-collar workers were you exactly?

White-collar workers

Salaried employee engaged in unskilled work without completed training / education 2 ☐

Salaried employee engaged in unskilled work with completed training / education 3 ☐

Salaried employee engaged in skilled work (administration, bookkeeping, technical drafting) 4 ☐

Salaried employee engaged in highly skilled work or managerial activities (university research, engineering, production supervision, etc.) 5 ☐

Salaried employee in senior management role (managing director, business manager, head of a large firm or organization, etc.) 6 ☐

Managing partner or similar white-collar employee in self-owned business / company 7 ☐

→ Continue with question 179

178 What type of civil servant were you exactly?

Civil servants

Lower grade civil servant 1 ☐

Middle grade civil servant 2 ☐

Upper grade civil servant 3 ☐

Senior grade civil servant 4 ☐

179 Have you performed volunteer service in any of the following programs?

 Please select all that apply.

Voluntary year of social / ecological service 1 ☐

Federal volunteer service ☐ → How long? Number of months:

Voluntary military service ☐ → How long? Number of months:

Have not performed volunteer service in any of these programs ☐

180 → Only for men born in 1992 or before:

Have you served in the military or in the alternative civilian service?

Yes, ...

... compulsory military service for the legally stipulated period of time 1 ☐

... compulsory military service for an extended period of time as a professional soldier 2 ☐

... alternative civilian service 3 ☐

... similar work to the alternative civilian service but in an emergency service agency 4 ☐


No, ...

... exempted from military service for medical or health reasons 2 ☐

... exempted from military service and assigned to military reserve force 3 ☐

... exempted from military service for other reasons 4 ☐

181 Do you have German citizenship?

Yes ☐ ¹  No ☐ ² → Continue with question 185

182 Have you had German citizenship since birth or did you acquire it at a later date?

Since birth ☐ ¹ → Continue with question 187
Only acquired later ☐ ² → Continue with question 183

183 What citizenship did you have before?




184 And in what year did you acquire German citizenship?

In the year: → Continue with question 187

185 What is your citizenship?



186 Do you have citizenship in another country besides the one mentioned above?

No ☐ ²
Yes ☐ ¹ → please specify: 

187 Where did you live before German reunification, that is, before 1989?

In East Germany (the GDR, including East Berlin) ☐ ¹
In West Germany (including West Berlin) ☐ ²
In another country ☐ ³
Does not apply, was born in or after 1989 ☐ ⁴

188 Since when have you personally been living in this dwelling?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate

Month Year

189 Do you have another dwelling besides this one (the one where we are conducting this interview) where you personally live or spend your vacation?

 Please select all that apply.

¹
No ☐ → Continue with question 191
Yes, in Germany ☐
Yes, outside Germany ☐ → Continue with question 190

190 Which dwelling do you use the most?

- | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| This one | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The other one / one of the others | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| This one and another approximately equally | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Could you now please think back ...

**191 Where did you spend the majority of your childhood up to the age of 15?
Was it ...**

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| ... in a large city | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... in a medium-sized city | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... in a small town | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... in a rural area | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

192 Do you still live in the same city or area today?

- | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Yes, I still do | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, I have moved back | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

193 How many years of your childhood (up to the age of 15) did you live with the following persons?

 Please round to whole years.

 Adoptive parents count as biological parents

| | | |
|--|---|-------|
| With both of your (biological) parents | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| With your mother without a (new) partner | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| With your mother and her (new) partner | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| With your father without a (new) partner | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| With your father and his (new) partner | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| With other relatives | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| With foster parents | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |
| In an orphanage | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Years |

 Sum total of all years (please check!): **15** Years

194 Did you regularly attend pre-school, daycare, or another institution?

 *Not referring to after-school care provided by the elementary school!*

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 196



195 At what age did you start regularly attending this institution?

At the age of: Years

Can't remember ☐ ¹

196 How interested and involved were your parents in your grades and progress at school?

Very much ☐ ¹

Fairly ☐ ²

Not very much ☐ ³

Not at all ☐ ⁴

197 How often did you argue or fight with your parents when you were 15 years old?

Very often Often Sometimes Seldom Never Parent was not there

With your father ☐ ¹ ☐ ² ☐ ³ ☐ ⁴ ☐ ⁵ ☐ ⁶

With your mother ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

198 Were you actively involved in musical activities growing up? For example, did you sing or play a musical instrument?

Yes ☐ ¹


No ☐ ²

199 Were you involved in extracurricular sports growing up?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 202, page 42



200 Which of the sports you played was most important to you?

Most important sport: 

201 Did you ever train to play your most important sport competitively or at an elite level?

Yes ☐ ¹

No ☐ ²

When you were 15 ... and older

202 We would now like to ask you for some information about your personal history starting at age 15.

 Please fill out the table below as follows:

1. Please enter the year in which you turned 15, 20, 25, etc. up to your present age in the boxes at the top.
2. Then in the boxes below, tick how you have spent your life since the age of 15—from when to when you were in school, when you were in occupational training, when you were employed, and so on. It's important that you select an answer for EVERY year of your life up to the present day / up to the age of 65. If you were doing more than one thing in a particular year, you can tick more than one box.

→ Please fill
in the year

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
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| ... At the age of ... | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| ... years I was ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| ... attending school / university / night school | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| ... completing an apprenticeship / vocational training / further education / retraining | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| ... in (voluntary) military / community service ¹ , voluntary social / ecological year ² , federal volunteer service ³ , at war, in captivity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| ... employed full-time (including regular / professional military personnel) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| ... employed part-time or marginally employed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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| ... retired / in early retirement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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¹(freiwilliger) Wehrdienst / Zivildienst, ²freiwilliges soziales / ökologisches Jahr, ³Bundesfreiwilligendienst

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Education / school completion

203 What was the last year you attended school?

 We are not referring here to schools that provide vocational training, such as vocational schools or vocational academies (Berufsschulen, Berufsakademien).

In the year: → Continue with question 204

I am still attending school ☐ → Continue with question 211, page 46

I have never attended school ☐ → Continue with question 212, page 46

204 Where did you last attend school?

- In Germany up to 1949 ☐ 4
- In one of the Bundesländer (federal states) of the Federal Republic of Germany ☐ 1
- In the former East Germany ☐ 2
- In another country ☐ 3
- Continue with question 208
- Continue with question 205

205 How many years did you attend school?

Years

206 What type of school-leaving certificate did you attain?

- Left school without graduating ☐ 1
- Graduated from mandatory schooling with school-leaving certificate ☐ 2
- Graduated from higher-level secondary school with school-leaving certificate ☐ 3

207 Can you remember your last report card from school? What were your grades in the following subjects?

| | Excellent | Good | Satisfactory | Sufficient | Unsatisfactory | Poor | Did not take this subject |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Official school language | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First foreign language | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

→ Continue with question 212, page 46

208 What federal state is your last school located in today?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| Baden-Wuerttemberg | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bavaria | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Berlin | 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brandenburg | 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bremen | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamburg | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hesse | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower Saxony | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Rhine-Westphalia | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rhineland-Palatinate | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saarland | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony | 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony-Anhalt | 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schleswig-Holstein | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thuringia | 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School location no longer part of Germany | 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

209 What type of school-leaving certificate did you attain?

 Please select one answer only.

Please state: last school type attended

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| Left school without graduating | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower secondary (Volksschule / Hauptschule / 8th grade GDR) | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Intermediate secondary (Realschule / Mittlere Reife / 10th grade GDR) | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vocational school (Fachoberschule) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper secondary (Abitur / Hochschulreife) | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other school-leaving certificate | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state: type of school-leaving certificate attained

210 Can you remember your last report card from school? What were your grades in the following subjects?

| | Excellent | Good | Satisfac- tory | Sufficient | Unsatis- factory | Poor | Did not take this subject |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| German | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First foreign language | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

211 Thinking about your classmates in the last year of school you attended, or your current classmates if you're still in school: How many of your classmates were/are not from Germany or have parents who were/are not from Germany—in other words, how many have a family history of migration?

 Please select one answer only.

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| All | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Most | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approximately half | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approximately one-fourth | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fewer than one-fourth | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| None | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

212 Do you intend to attain a school-leaving certificate in the future?

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|-----------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Yes, maybe | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question 213 |
| Yes, definitely | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 214 |

213 What is the highest level of secondary education that you plan to graduate from with a school-leaving certificate?

 Please select one answer only.

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| Lower (<i>Volksschule / Hauptschule</i>) | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Intermediate (<i>Realschule / Mittlere Reife</i>) | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vocational school (<i>Fachoberschule</i>) | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper (<i>Abitur / Hochschulreife</i>) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Vocational training / university education

214 Have you completed vocational training or university studies in Germany?

Yes ☐ ¹ No ☐ ² → Continue with question 216, page 48



215 What type of vocational or university degree did you attain and when did you attain it?

Please select all that apply!

If you have taken more than one degree from a category, please indicate only the highest one.

| | Yes ¹ | Year | |
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| Apprenticeship (<i>Lehre</i>), Vocational degree as skilled worker (<i>Facharbeiterabschluss</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state the occupation <input type="text"/> |
| Full-time vocational school (<i>Berufsfachschule</i>), commercial college (<i>Handelsschule</i>), Health sector school (<i>Schule des Gesundheitswesens</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state the occupation <input type="text"/> |
| Higher level trade or technical school (<i>Meisterschule</i> , <i>Technikerschule</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state the occupation <input type="text"/> |
| Training for civil servants (<i>Beamtenausbildung</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state the occupation <input type="text"/> → Please state the career path <input type="text"/> |
| Technical or professionally ori- ented college (<i>Fachhochschule</i> , <i>Berufsakademie</i> ; formerly also engineer or teacher training) | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state degree <input type="text"/> → Please state subject(s) <input type="text"/> |
| University or university-level degree | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state degree <input type="text"/> → Please state subject(s) <input type="text"/> |
| Doctoral studies (<i>Promotion</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state degree <input type="text"/> → Please state subject(s) <input type="text"/> |
| Other degree | <input type="checkbox"/> | → <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | → Please state degree <input type="text"/> |

216 Have you completed vocational training or university studies in another country than Germany?

Yes ¹ ☐ No ² ☐ → Continue with question 233, page 50



217 What kind of vocational training or university study was it?

 Please select all that apply

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I received in-house training at a company ☐

I completed an extended vocational training / apprenticeship at a company ☐

I attended a vocational school ☐

I attended a university or other institution of higher education ☐

I completed a doctoral degree at a university ☐

Others ☐

The following questions 218 to 232 refer to the education you reported in question 217. If you selected more than one answer in question 217, please refer to the highest degree you have completed in the following questions.

218 In what year did you complete this vocational training or education?

In the year:

219 Did you receive a transcript or certificate documenting the successful completion of this training or education?

Yes ¹ ☐

No ² ☐

220 Did you apply to have your degree or qualifications recognized in Germany?

Yes ¹ ☐ No ² ☐ → Continue with question 232, page 50



221 Did you submit an application for recognition of your degree or qualifications in Germany before or after coming to Germany?

Yes, before coming to Germany ¹ ☐

Yes, after coming to Germany (I was already in Germany when I applied) ² ☐

→ Continue with question 222

No, I have not submitted any application for recognition of my degree or qualifications ³ ☐ → Continue with question 232, page 50

222 What institution did you apply to for recognition of your educational degree or vocational certificate?



223 Were you required to get your degree or qualifications recognized to be able to enter Germany?

Yes ¹ ☐

No ² ☐

224 How much of an obstacle would you say it was to get your degree or qualifications recognized for entry to Germany?

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|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Small obstacle | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medium obstacle | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Large obstacle | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very large obstacle | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

225 What German occupation did you name in your application for recognition of your degree or qualifications?



226 When did you apply to have your degree or qualifications recognized?

If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Month | | Year | | | |

227 Did any expenses arise in connection with your application for recognition of your degree or qualifications (for example, to have documents translated or notarized)?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 → Continue with question 229



228 How much did it cost in total to apply for recognition of your degree or qualifications?

Amount in euros:

229 How much of an obstacle would you say it is to get your degree or qualifications recognized to be able to take up work in Germany?

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| Small obstacle | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medium obstacle | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Large obstacle | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very large obstacle | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

230 And was your qualification or degree recognized in Germany?

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|---|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| The application process is still underway | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 233, page 50 |
| Yes, partly recognized | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Yes, recognized as equivalent | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 231, page 50 |
| No, was not recognized | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

231 And when did you receive the decision?

 If you can't remember exactly, please estimate.

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| | | | | | |
| Month | | Year | | | |

→ Continue with question 233

232 Why didn't you apply to have your degree or qualifications recognized?

 Please select one answer only.

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| Recognition is not important to me because I can still practise the profession in which I am qualified from a legal point of view. | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recognition is not important to me because I do not expect any further benefits on the labour market as a result of recognition. | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know where or how to file the application | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know how I could finance the recognition procedure | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't have some important documents for the recognition procedure | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The recognition procedure is too bureaucratic / takes too much time | 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have no prospect of recognition of my degree | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other reasons | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

233 Do you intend to complete vocational / occupational training or attain a university degree in the future?

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|-----------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| No | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | → Continue with question 235 |
| Yes, maybe | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Yes, definitely | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
- Continue with question 234


234 Which of the following degree or qualifications do you plan to attain?

 Please select all that apply!

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|---|---|--------------------------|
| Apprenticeship | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Full-time vocational school (<i>Berufsfachschule</i>) or health sector school (<i>Schule des Gesundheitswesens</i>) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Higher-level trade or technical school (<i>Meisterschule, Technikerschule</i>) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Training for civil servants (<i>Beamtenausbildung</i>) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dual study program / college of advanced vocational study | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical or professional college (<i>Fachhochschule</i>) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| University | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doctoral studies (<i>Promotion</i>) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Your parents

235 The following questions are about your parents. Please answer the questions about your mother and father in the corresponding columns.

 Please answer questions 235 to 251 in columns, that is, all of these questions for your father first and then for your mother.

Do your mother and father live in this household?

| | Father | Mother |
|-----|--|---|
| Yes | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> → <i>Mother, Question 235</i> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> → <i>Question 252, page 56</i> |
| No | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

236 What year was your father / mother born?

| Father | Mother |
|---|---|
| Year of birth <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> | Year of birth <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> |

237 Where was your father / mother born?

In Germany within its pre-war boundaries prior to 1937

1 ☐

1 ☐

In an area that was German territory between 1938 and 1949

2 ☐

2 ☐

In West Germany (including West Berlin)

3 ☐

3 ☐

In East Germany (German Democratic Republic), including East Berlin

4 ☐

4 ☐

In the Saarland between 1947 and 1956

5 ☐

5 ☐

In Germany, 1990 or later

6 ☐

6 ☐

In another country

7 ☐

7 ☐

→ *Question 238, page 52*

→ *Question 238, page 52*

→ *Question 239, page 52*


→ *Question 239, page 52*

238 What federal state is your father's / mother's birthplace located in today?

 If one parent was born in another country, please answer the question for the other parent only.

| | Father | Mother |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Baden-Wuerttemberg | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bavaria | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Berlin | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brandenburg | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bremen | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamburg | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hesse | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 242 | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 242 |
| Lower Saxony | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Rhine-Westphalia | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rhineland-Palatinate | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saarland | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony-Anhalt | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schleswig-Holstein | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thuringia | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Birthplace no longer part of Germany | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 239 | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 239 |

239 What country is your father's / mother's birthplace located in today?

 Please give the country's present-day German name.

| Birthplace | Birthplace |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

240 Did your father / mother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Yes

1 ☐ → Question 241

1 ☐ → Question 241

No

2 ☐ → Question 243

2 ☐ → Question 243

241 What year did your father / mother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

| Year | Year |
|---|---|
| <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |

242 Where does your father / mother live today?

 Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

| | Father | Mother |
|--|---|---|
| In this town/location but in a different household | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elsewhere in Germany | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 245 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 245 |
| In another country | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is deceased | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 244 | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 244 |

243 Is your father / mother still living?

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Yes | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 245 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 245 |
| No, already deceased | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 244 | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 244 |

244 When did your father / mother die?


Year of death

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|

Year of death


| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|

245 Does or did your father / mother have German citizenship?

 Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Yes, since birth | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 247, page 54 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 247, page 54 |
| Yes, through recognition as an ethnic German (<i>Spät-)Aussiedler</i> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, through naturalization | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 246 | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 246 |
| No | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |

246 What citizenship does / did your father / mother hold?

 If your parent was naturalized or granted citizenship based on ethnic German status, please state their prior citizenship.

Citizenship

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Citizenship

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247 Does or did your father / mother belong to a church or religious community?

 Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

| | Father | Mother |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Yes, member of the Catholic church | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, member of the Protestant church | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, member of another Christian religious group | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, member of an Islamic religious group | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, member of another religious group | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No, no religious affiliation | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |


248 What level of schooling did your father / mother complete?


 If they completed school in a different country, please designate accordingly.

 Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

| | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| No school-leaving certificate | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower secondary (Volksschule / Hauptschule / 8th grade GDR) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Intermediate secondary (Mittlere Reife / Realschule / 10th grade GDR) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vocational school (Fachoberschule) | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper secondary (Abitur / Hochschulreife / EOS) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other type of school | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |


249 Did your father / mother complete vocational training or a university degree?

 If they completed school in a different country, please designate accordingly.

 Please give only one answer for your father and one answer for your mother.

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Yes, vocational training | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes, university degree | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No, no completed training | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |

250 Which of the following categories describes your father's / mother's occupational status when you were 15 years old?

 If your father / mother was working, please provide both the top category (printed in blue) and the subcategory listed below it. Please provide this information for your father and for your mother.

| | Father | Mother |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Was not working (when I was 15) | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Was deceased (when I was 15) | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blue-collar worker (including agricultural workers) | | |
| | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unskilled worker | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Semi-skilled worker | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Skilled worker | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Foreman / forewoman | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Master craftsperson | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White-collar worker | | |
| | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salaried employee engaged in unskilled work without completed training / education | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salaried employee engaged in unskilled work with completed training / education | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salaried employee engaged in skilled work (administration, bookkeeping, technical drafting) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salaried employee engaged in highly skilled work or managerial activities (university research, engineering, production supervision, etc.) | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salaried employee in senior management role (managing director, business manager, head of a large firm or organization, etc.) | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Managing partner or similar white-collar employee in self-owned business / company | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Civil servant or public administration employee (including judges and professional military personnel) | | |
| | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lower grade civil servant | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middle grade civil servant | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upper grade civil servant | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Senior grade civil servant | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | Father | Mother |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Self-employed (including family members working for the self-employed) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | ↓ | ↓ |
| Self-employed farmer ... | | |
| ... without employees | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... with employees | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Freelance professional, self-employed academic (selbständiger Akademiker)... | | |
| ... without employees | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... with employees | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other self-employed / entrepreneur ... | | |
| ... without employees | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... with employees | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Working for self-employed family member(s) | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 251 What job did your father / mother do at the time? | Occupation | Occupation |
| Please give the precise German designation. | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| | → Mother, Question 235, page 51 | → Question 252 |

Your grandparents — first, your father's parents

- 252** The following questions are about your father's parents. Please answer the questions about your grandfather and grandmother in the corresponding columns.
- If you are unable to answer some of the questions precisely, please give an estimate.
- If you have no idea, leave the answer blank.
- Please answer questions 252 through 257 in columns, so first answer all of these questions for your grandfather and then for your grandmother.


| | Grandfather | Grandmother |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Year of birth | Year of birth |
| What year was your grandfather / grandmother born? | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 253 Where was your grandfather / grandmother born? | | |
| In Germany within its pre-war boundaries prior to 1937 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In an area that was German territory between 1938 and 1949 | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In West Germany (including West Berlin) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In East Germany (German Democratic Republic), including East Berlin | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In the Saarland between 1947 and 1956 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In Germany, 1990 or later | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In another country | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | → Question 254 | → Question 254 |
| | → Question 255 | → Question 255 |

254 What federal state is your grandfather's / grandmother's birthplace located in today?

 If one grandparent was born in another country, please answer the question only for the other grandparent.

| | Grandfather | Grandmother |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Baden-Wuerttemberg | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bavaria | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Berlin | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brandenburg | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bremen | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamburg | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hesse | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> → Grandmother, Question 252 | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 258, page 58 |
| Lower Saxony | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Rhine-Westphalia | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rhineland-Palatinate | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saarland | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony-Anhalt | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schleswig-Holstein | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thuringia | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Birthplace no longer part of Germany | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 255 | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 255 |

255 What country is your grandfather's / grandmother's birthplace located in today?

 Please give the country's present-day German name.

| Birthplace | Birthplace |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

256 Did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Yes

1 ☐ → Question 257

1 ☐ → Question 257

No

2 ☐ → Grandmother, Question 252

2 ☐ → Question 258, page 58

257 What year did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Year

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

→ Grandmother, Question 252

Year

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|


→ Question 258, page 58

Your grandparents — now, your mother's parents

258 The following questions are about your mother's parents.
Please answer the questions about your grandfather and grandmother in the corresponding columns.

 If you are unable to answer some of the questions precisely, please give an estimate.

 If you have no idea, leave the answer blank.

 Please answer questions 258 through 263 in columns, that is, all of the questions for your grandfather first and then all of the questions for your grandmother.

| | Grandfather | Grandmother |
|---|--|--|
| What year was your grandfather / grandmother born? | Year of birth <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | Year of birth <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 259 Where was your grandfather / grandmother born? | | |
| In Germany within its pre-war boundaries prior to 1937 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In an area that was German territory between 1938 and 1949 | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In West Germany (including West Berlin) | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In East Germany (German Democratic Republic), including East Berlin | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In the Saarland between 1947 and 1956 | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In Germany, 1990 or later | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In another country | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |

→ Question 260

→ Question 261

→ Question 260


→ Question 261

260 What federal state is your grandfather's / grandmother's birthplace located in today?

 If one grandparent was born in another country, please answer the question only for the other grandparent.

| | Grandfather | Grandmother |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Baden-Wuerttemberg | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bavaria | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Berlin | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brandenburg | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bremen | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamburg | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hesse | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> → Grandmother, Question 258 | 13 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 264, page 60 |
| Lower Saxony | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Rhine-Westphalia | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rhineland-Palatinate | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saarland | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saxony-Anhalt | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schleswig-Holstein | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thuringia | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Birthplace no longer part of Germany | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 261 | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> → Question 261 |

261 What country is your grandfather's / grandmother's birthplace located in today?

 Please give the country's present-day German name.

| Birthplace | Birthplace |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

262 Did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Yes

1 ☐ → Question 263

1 ☐ → Question 263

No

2 ☐ → Grandmother, Question 258

2 ☐ → Question 264, page 60

263 What year did your grandfather / grandmother move to the present-day territory of Germany?

Year

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

→ Grandmother, Question 258

Year

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

→ Question 264, page 60

264 Do you or did you have any siblings?

 *Siblings includes biological, half, step, and adoptive brothers and sisters.*

Yes ☐ ¹ → Please state: siblings No ☐ ² → Continue with question 265



For each of your brothers and sisters (or a maximum of ten), please give us the following information. Please start with your oldest sibling and continue by age, ending with the youngest.

For all siblings, please tell us the respective month and year of birth, then the gender according to the birth certificate, and please tell us what type of sibling each is (or was). Please state whether you spent your entire childhood — up to the age of 15 — living in the same household with the particular sibling.

| | Month and year of birth | Gender according to birth certificate | | | | Type of sibling | | | | | | Did you spend your entire childhood living together? | | |
|-----|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | Male 1 | Female 2 | Nonbinary (divers) 3 | No entry 4 | | | | | | | Yes 1 | No, only: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years | |
| | | | | | | Biological brother / sister (without a twin) 1 | Twin/multiple (identical) 2 | Twin/multiple (fraternal) 3 | Half-brother / half-sister 4 | Step-brother / step-sister 5 | Adoptive brother / sister 6 | | | |
| 1. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 2. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 3. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 4. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 5. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 6. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 7. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 8. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 9. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |
| 10. | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years |

265 Do you or did you have children? If so, how many?

 Both biological and adoptive children are included (but not foster or stepchildren)

Yes ☐ ¹ → Please state: children No, I never had children ☐ ² → Continue with question 266, page 63

Please give us the following information for each of your children (maximum ten children). Please start with the oldest child and continue in age order to the youngest.


For all children, please tell us the year of birth, then the gender according to the birth certificate, and where the child lives today.

| | Gender according to birth certificate | | | | Where does the child live today? | | | | | Do you plan to bring the child to Germany? | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | Male 1 | Female 2 | Nonbinary (divers) 3 | No entry 4 | Here in this household 1 | Here in this city or town 2 | Elsewhere in Germany 7 | Has died 6 | In a different country 5 | Yes 1 | No 2 |
| 1st Child: First name: <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of birth <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2nd Child: First name: <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of birth <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3rd Child: First name: <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of birth <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4th Child: First name: <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of birth <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5th Child: First name: <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of birth <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6th Child: First name: <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year of birth <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | | Gender according to birth certificat | | | | Where does the son / daughter live today? | | | | | Do you plan to bring the child to Germany? | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | | Male 1 | Female 2 | Nonbinary (divers) 3 | No entry 4 | Here in this household 1 | Here in this city or town 2 | Elsewhere in Germany 7 | Has died 6 | In a different country 5 | Yes 1 | No 2 |
| 7th Child: First name: | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Year of birth | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8th Child: First name: | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Year of birth | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9th Child: First name: | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Year of birth | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10th Child: First name: | <input type="text"/> | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Year of birth | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> → | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The following questions deal with partnership and marriage or registered same-sex partnerships (*eingetragene gleichgeschlechtliche Partnerschaft*). All of these questions deal with your relationship, whether you are married or not. There are questions dealing with your current relationship and others dealing with past relationships. We will start with your current relationship and then ask you to look back on relationships you had before. In the case of past relationships, we are talking about relationships that lasted six months or longer.

 Whenever referring to marriage, we are also referring to registered same-sex partnerships!

 Go through the columns in order from top to bottom starting with A from 1 to 6, then B from 1 to 6, and so on. If you have the option of skipping questions, this will be indicated with an arrow and the point you should skip to. For instance, B5 means skip to column B, question 5!

| | A. Are you currently in a relationship? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> → B ↓ | B. Did you have a relationship before that? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> → p. 64 ↓ | C. Did you have a relationship before that? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> → p. 64 ↓ | D. Did you have a relationship before that? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> → p. 64 ↓ |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1. The relationship started in the year: | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 2. The relationship ended in the year: | ↓ | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| ... and ended because of: | | separation <input type="checkbox"/> death <input type="checkbox"/> | separation <input type="checkbox"/> death <input type="checkbox"/> | separation <input type="checkbox"/> death <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do or did you live together? No <input type="checkbox"/> → A5 | <input type="checkbox"/> → A5 | <input type="checkbox"/> → B5 | <input type="checkbox"/> → C5 | <input type="checkbox"/> → D5 |
| Yes, we moved in together in the year: | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 4. Do you still live together? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No, we stopped living together in the year: | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 5. Are you or were you married to this person? No <input type="checkbox"/> → B | <input type="checkbox"/> → B | <input type="checkbox"/> → C | <input type="checkbox"/> → D | <input type="checkbox"/> → p. 64 |
| Yes, we got married in the year: | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Are you still married to this person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No, the marriage ended in the year: | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| ... and ended because of: | divorce <input type="checkbox"/> → Skip to B | divorce <input type="checkbox"/> death <input type="checkbox"/> → Skip to C | divorce <input type="checkbox"/> death <input type="checkbox"/> → Skip to D | divorce <input type="checkbox"/> death <input type="checkbox"/> → p. 64 |

A Finally, please provide the following information.

What is your date of birth?

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | . | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | . | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Day | | | Month | | | Year | | | |

B Are you...

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| ... male | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... female | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... nonbinary (<i>divers</i>) | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C When did you finish filling out the questionnaire?

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Date: | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | . | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | Time: | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | : | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| | Day | | | Month | | | Hour | | | Minute | |

D Approximately how long did it take you to complete this questionnaire?

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Minutes | | |

E Was anyone else present while you were filling out the questionnaire?

 Please select all that apply.

| | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Yes, spouse / partner | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | } → Continue with question F |
| Yes, another person who lives here in this household | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Yes, another person who does not live here in this household | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No | | <input type="checkbox"/> | → End of questionnaire |

F Did any of the aforementioned people bother you while were filling out the questionnaire?

| | | |
|-----|---|--------------------------|
| Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Thank you for taking part.

Please give the completed questionnaire to our interviewer or send it back to infas in the enclosed postage-paid envelope:

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