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Guide to applying for a CdC (*Certificat de Coutume* or *Ehefähigkeitszeugnis*/Certificate of Freedom) for Irish citizens living in Germany

Irish citizens who are resident in Germany and wish to marry in Germany require a CdC. If you live in Germany but are marrying in another country, you may also require a CdC. In this case, please confirm with the authorities to that country.

The online application form is accessed via our website: [Marriage And Civil Partnership | Embassy of Ireland, Germany | Ireland.ie | Ireland.ie](#)

Enter you and your partner's details in the form. The date of marriage should optimally be 3 or 4 months from the time of application. The system will prompt you to pay the processing fee, and to print out the required documents. In the case of applicants with no previous marriage, these documents are:

- MP1 form (summary of the application, to be signed)
- MP2A form (statutory declaration)

The MP2A form must be witnessed by a German notary public or at one of our Consulates. Please ensure that the notary completes page 2 of the form. Do not use Tipp-Ex to alter errors.

Send these two documents along with a copy of your Irish passport (face page only, the card passport is not admissible for CdC applications), and your original birth certificate to the Embassy in Berlin (see address above). You can order your birth certificate online from the General Registry Office, if necessary.

If you were born outside of the island of Ireland, we require one of the following documents in its original form: your certificate of naturalisation, foreign birth registry certificate or the birth certificate of your Irish born parent.

If your birth certificate is not in English or Irish, we require a certified translation. If you have legally changed your name, we require a certificate for the name change. If you were adopted, please provide the original adoption certificate. Provide a certified translation of these documents if not in English or Irish.

If you or your fiancé/fiancée was married previously, then instead of the MP2A, you will be prompted to print out either the MP2B, MP2D, MP2E, or MP2F form. As with the MP2A, these documents must be witnessed by a notary public or at one of our Consulates. Please ensure that the notary completes page 4 of these forms, and that the information provided is complete (e.g., dates of dissolution of marriage and commencement of proceedings, as well as previous addresses of where the applicant or ex-spouse resided). We also require the original divorce petition (*Scheidungsantrag*) and final decision (*Beschluss*), along with certified translations, for each divorce. If a spouse is deceased, please submit the marriage and death certificates.

After the CdC is issued, it can be collected in person at the Embassy or returned to the applicant per DHL express. The current cost of postage is 23 euros, payable to the Embassy bank account in advance or after the CdC is issued (A/C name: Botschaft von Irland, IBAN: DE65 1004 0000 0266 2328 00).

Please enclose proof of payment with your application if you pay in advance.

A CdC is valid for 6 months after issuance. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade reserves the right to seek additional documentation in order to process your application.

Should you have any further queries please email the Embassy at cdc.berlin@dfa.ie