

## Travel and Immigration during the Corona Pandemic

### Important Information for International Students

#### **1. You are currently abroad and cannot enter Germany due to the corona pandemic, but you have to apply for an extension of your residence permit for studies**

You can send the application by email from abroad. Please write an email to the immigration office where you are registered.

In Frankfurt, for example: [32.abh.studium@stadt-frankfurt.de](mailto:32.abh.studium@stadt-frankfurt.de)

The immigration office then issues a " Fiktionsbescheinigung ". You will need this document when you return to Germany. The Fiktionsbescheinigung will be sent to a German diplomatic mission (embassy, consulate) near you. You can then pick up the document there.

Please make sure that the following information is included in your email to the immigration office:

- a) full name
- b) date and place of birth
- c) address in Germany
- d) name of the identity document (e.g. passport, ID card, ID card)
- e) date of issue for the above-mentioned identity document
- f) issuing authority for the identity document
- g) serial number of the identity document
- h) address of the German embassy or consulate that is closest to your place of residence
- i) Copy / scan of your passport with an entry stamp from the country in which you are currently located
- j) Copy / scan of flight ticket / boarding pass, train ticket or similar with which you entered the country in which you are currently located

#### **2. Your passport is no longer valid and because of the corona pandemic, you have not yet been able to receive a new passport.**

If, due to the corona pandemic, it is currently not possible to extend the passport, the immigration authorities will accept the expired passport as an exception. To do this, you must prove that your embassy / consulate is currently unable to issue passports.

Ask at the embassy / consulate of your home country about the transitional rules they have currently in place. Some countries insert a stamp and a note in the expired passport and thus extend the validity for a short term. Some countries are currently extending their passports across the board.

- 3. I have to extend my residence permit, but right now, I cannot prove my livelihood (gesicherter Lebensunterhalt) because I have no job due to the corona pandemic.**

If you previously proved your livelihood to the Ausländerbehörde through income from a job, which you now have lost due to the pandemic, the immigration office is currently waiving this proof for the extension of your residence permit.

- 4. I have to extend my residence permit, but cannot prove my livelihood (gesicherter Lebensunterhalt) right now because I am currently not receiving support from my parents / family because of the corona pandemic.**

If the financial support of your parents / family ceased due to the corona pandemic, the immigration authorities are currently waiving this proof for the extensions of your residence permit.

Source: Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community

Further Questions? Get in contact with the HfMDK International Office:

Frau Friederike Kreft  
+49 (0)69 154 007 256  
[friederike.kreft@hfmdk-frankfurt.de](mailto:friederike.kreft@hfmdk-frankfurt.de)