

Notarizations

(Certificate of inheritance, paternity/custody, contracts for Real Estate)

Certificate of inheritance / estate in Germany

If you require a German or European certificate of inheritance to prove your status as an heir in Germany, the Consulate can assist you in preparing an application.

Please send us the completed questionnaire and all documents proving your right of inheritance (e.g. death certificates, birth certificates, marriage certificates, last will/ testament, etc.).

These documents can be sent as a scan to info@houston.diplo.de. Please state the surname of the deceased person. The consulate will check your documents and get back to you.

You can find more information and the questionnaire [here](#).

No notarization is required to renounce the inheritance; certifying the signature on the form is sufficient. In this case, please book an appointment under the category certification of signatures.

Paternity/custody

If your child has his or her habitual residence in Germany and paternity has not yet been established, you can recognize paternity at the consulate. It is also possible to submit a declaration of custody at the consulate.

Please send an e-mail to info@houston.diplo.de with your request. Please indicate the surname of the child. The consulate will then request further documents from you.

Real estate transactions

Contracts for real estate transactions cannot be notarized at the consulate. In this case, we recommend that you have someone represent you in Germany without prior power of attorney and subsequently approve the contract. You can sign the declaration of approval ("Genehmigungserklärung") drawn up by the German notary either at Consulate General in Houston or at the Honorary Consul and have the signature notarized.

Please book an appointment under the category certification of signature in this case to sign the declaration of approval at the consulate.

If you have a question that cannot be answered by the information provided here or on the [website](#), please send an e-mail to info@houston.diplo.de.