

Information from the historical Berlin residents' registration files (EMK)

Please read these instructions carefully! You save yourself unnecessary fee payments! Further information can be found [here](#).

For information on persons, the old Berlin residents' register from 1875 to around 1960 is available in the Berlin State Archive. In general, persons who were deregistered from Berlin (West) up to 31 December 1960 (due to move or death) are registered in the register. For Berlin (East) the cut-off date is 1949. Please note that the card index is no longer complete for the period up to 1945 due to losses caused by the Second World War.

So far, hardly any persons with a year of birth before 1850 have been found.

Subsequent registration documents, including those of persons born before 1960 and still living in West Berlin after 1960, can generally be found at the Landesamt für Bürger- und Ordnungsangelegenheiten (LABO), Abteilung II - Einwohnerwesen, Friedrichstraße 219, 10958 Berlin. Further information can be found [here](#).

The file is arranged according to the names of persons (A-Z). Addresses or years are **not search criteria**. They only serve comparative purposes if a registration file could be identified.

A search in the registration file can be carried out if

- **Name**, for wives additionally the **maiden name**
- **First name** or call sign (underline call sign)
- **Date of birth**
- **Profession**

can be specified.

- **As a rule**, wives can only be searched using the husband's data.
- For the search for minors (up to the age of 21) the details of both parents are required.

Civil status documents (such as birth, marriage and death certificates) **cannot** be created from the registration file. It can only be attempted to find out the competent Berlin registry office where the event was registered. You can find more information [here](#).

The use of the residents' register is always subject to a fee. The administrative fee is 30.00 € per searched person in case of a positive search result and 10.00 € per searched person in case of a negative search result. ([Fee Ordinance](#) of the Berlin State Archive).

Research request

(Please fill in completely and legibly and tick as appropriate)

from name*:

given name*:

address*:

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e-Mail: phone:

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I would like to have a research done in the EMK.

I am willing to pay the costs per person inquired about.
Further information can be found [here](#).

I enquire about the following person/s:

| name, givenname | maiden name | date of birth | profession |
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place and date: signature:*

*) Required fields