



Embassy  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Pretoria

## **Questionnaire in order to establish eligibility for German passport**

Please complete **all required details**. Otherwise your enquiry cannot be processed.  
Form must be returned via e-mail to [rk-10@pret.diplo.de](mailto:rk-10@pret.diplo.de) or via fax to 012-427 8982.

<b>Name of applicant(s)</b> [in case of several applicants, please copy this space and give details on all applicants and their family relation to one another]	
<b>Contact details (address, phone number and e-mail)</b>	
<b>Date(s) and place(s) of birth of (all) applicant(s)</b>	
<b>For female applicants: Date and place of marriage, citizenship of spouse</b>	
<b>Nationality/ies of applicant(s)</b>	
<b>How was that nationality acquired?</b> (i.e. by birth, descent, naturalization etc.)	
<b>Name and date of birth of direct German reference person [DGRP]</b> (i.e. father/ mother)	
Are you a <b>descendant within wedlock/ out of wedlock/ by legitimization/ by adoption</b> of your DGRP? [please specify]	
Does your DGRP hold a <b>German passport</b> and/ or a <b>certificate pertaining to German nationality</b> (i.e. yellow certificate of German nationality or green certificate of naturalization)? If yes, <b>please state date of issue and issuing authority in Germany</b>	
If your DGRP merely holds a <b>German passport without a certificate</b> : Are you in possession of his/ her <b>German passport valid at the time when you were born?</b>	

State <b>dates of birth and marriages of all ancestors</b> , starting with ancestor having left Germany [state family relationship to applicant, continue on extra leaflet, if applicable]	
a)	
b)	
c)	
Was any of your <b>ancestors naturalized</b> in a foreign country (i.e. South Africa or elsewhere)? If yes, when?	
If you are a <b>descendant of a former German citizen of Jewish faith</b> , please state <b>when your ancestor left Germany</b> and, if applicable <b>when your ancestor was naturalized abroad</b>	
<b>Any further remarks</b>	

**Please note:**

In case your initial German ancestor left Germany before 1914 and stayed abroad for a period longer than 10 years, he might have lost his German citizenship on the basis of the German Citizenship Act in effect at that time. To prevent the loss of German nationality, a German expat had to be registered in the consular archives of the respective German mission locally competent for his place of residence.

**Before** sending this enquiry to the Embassy, please **send an e-mail enquiry to [117-r@auswaertiges-amt.de](mailto:117-r@auswaertiges-amt.de)** which is the Political Archive of the German Foreign Office where the old archives are being kept. Your e-mail must contain as precise details on all ancestors who lived abroad before 1914 (i.e. dates and places of birth and marriage, place of residence in South Africa).