



Borders, Immigration and Citizenship

Near-zero migration, secure entry controls and demanding civic citizenship.

Entry into Germany is a privilege governed by national capacity and interest. The CNU will operate an extremely restrictive, lawful system aimed at near-zero net migration, rapid decisions and firm enforcement.

Controlled legal migration

- **Annual ceiling:** Parliament sets a small annual ceiling after reviewing housing, labour, public services, infrastructure and security capacity.
- **Narrow eligibility:** Long-term entry is mainly limited to exceptional skills, essential specialist work and tightly defined immediate-family cases.
- **Domestic recruitment first:** Employers must advertise jobs nationally and invest in German training before sponsoring overseas recruitment.
- **Temporary permits:** A temporary work permit ends with the qualifying job unless a separate extension is approved under the annual ceiling.
- **No automatic settlement:** A work or study permit does not create an automatic right to permanent residence or citizenship.

Border and asylum administration

- **Designated entry points:** All arrivals pass through authorised checkpoints with identity, security and eligibility checks.
- **Rapid decisions:** Protection claims are decided at designated centres under fixed deadlines, with access to legal review.
- **No reward for unlawful entry:** Unauthorised arrival does not create a faster route to settlement, benefits or citizenship.
- **Lawful removal:** Rejected applicants are removed after the decision and review process is complete.

- **Serious offending:** Non-citizens convicted of serious offences may be removed after sentence when a lawful and safe removal order is available.

Citizenship

- **Long qualification:** Naturalisation normally requires at least ten years of lawful residence, strong German-language ability, financial self-sufficiency and no serious criminal record.
- **Civic examination:** Applicants pass a demanding examination on German history, institutions and constitutional duties.
- **Loyalty oath:** New citizens swear loyalty to Germany, its constitutional order and its single system of law.
- **Dual citizenship:** Dual nationality is exceptional and reserved for cases in which renunciation is impossible or clearly unjust.
- **Civic, not racial:** Citizenship is defined by law, language, conduct and loyalty; ancestry alone neither guarantees nor prevents membership of the nation.

Integration and entitlement

- **German-language public life:** Long-term residents are expected to learn German and use it when dealing with public institutions.
- **Contribution before entitlement:** New residents normally build access to full non-emergency benefits through five years of lawful work and contributions.
- **One legal order:** No community or religious authority may claim a separate law above the national courts.
- **Annual public report:** Government publishes entry, departure, settlement, enforcement and citizenship figures each year.

First-term commitments

- **Commitment:** Establish one national command for border checks, protection decisions and removals.
- **Commitment:** Introduce the annual migration ceiling and narrow qualifying categories.
- **Commitment:** Replace automatic settlement routes with individual approval under national capacity limits.
- **Commitment:** Introduce the ten-year citizenship qualification and civic examination.