



**Das Prostituiertenschutzgesetz
Informationen zur Anmeldepflicht für Prostituierte
Englisch / English**

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The Prostitute Protection Act (Das Prostituiertenschutzgesetz)

The Prostitute Protection Act has been in force since 1 July 2017.

Obligation to register (Anmeldepflicht)

Since 1 July 2017, it has been mandatory for prostitutes to personally register their work. Anyone just starting out may only start work once they have registered. Anyone who worked as a prostitute in Germany before 1 July 2017 must register no later than 31 December 2017. This obligation to register applies to all persons providing sexual services.

When they register, prostitutes are provided with information about their rights and obligations as well as on health and social advisory services and on how to access help in an emergency.

The informational and advisory interview during registration has a similar function. The interview will take place in a confidential setting. The interview will be held in a language that the person being advised understands. The public authority may appoint an interpreter for this purpose. Other persons may be present only if the registration authority and the person being advised agree.

The public authority in the place you wish to work most of the time is responsible for registration. To find out which public authority is responsible, please get in touch with the citizens' centre (Bürgerbüro), the health office (Gesundheitsamt), or consult the website of the relevant city or administrative district. If you wish to work as a prostitute in several cities or federal states, then this must be declared when you register. The places will be entered into the registration certificate. Any new locations added later will also have to be entered into the certificate. If, however, you do work in a different location on a particular occasion without having planned to do so, then it is not necessary to add this to the certificate afterwards.

When they register, prostitutes are provided with information about their rights and obligations, advisory services, and how to access help in an emergency.

Registration certificate (Anmeldebescheinigung)

When you register, you will receive a certificate. Prostitutes must have this certificate on them when they work in order, for example, to be able to show it to a brothel operator, the owner of an escort agency, or during an official inspection. The registration certificate is valid throughout Germany. Federal states may, however, issue their own additional rules about where the registration certificate is valid.

The registration certificate is valid for two years for persons over 21, and just one year for persons under 21. In addition to the registration certificate issued in your real name, the public authority can issue you with what is called an "alias certificate" (Alias-Bescheinigung) on request. Instead of your real name, the alias certificate will be issued in a name of your choosing, i.e. an alias (e.g. work name, pseudonym). It also does not have your address on it. Such an alias certificate allows you to prove

that you are registered without anyone, such as the operator, knowing your real name or where you live.

The registration authority may not issue a registration certificate if the prostitute

- is younger than 18;
- is younger than 21 and other people have caused them to take up prostitution or continue with prostitution;
- is coerced into taking up or continuing prostitution;
- is pregnant and will give birth within the next six weeks.

Health advice (Gesundheitliche Beratung)

Before you can register, you have to attend a health consultation. The consultation is usually carried out by the health office (Gesundheitsamt), but other authorities may be responsible in some federal states. You can find this out at the local health office (Gesundheitsamt).

The health advice mainly concerns such topics as protection against diseases, pregnancy, and contraception as well as the risks of alcohol and drug abuse. Please note: This consultation is confidential, and no information will be passed on. This means you can talk about other things too, for example if you feel you are stuck and need help and advice. If the prostitute does not speak German, or only a little, another person can be present during the consultation to interpret – provided the authority and the person seeking advice agree. The consultation will remain confidential even then.

After the health advice consultation, you will receive a certificate issued in your first and last name. You need this certificate to register. The health consultation must be attended every twelve months. Prostitutes who are younger than 21 have to attend every six months.

You must carry the health advice certificate with you when you work. Anyone who would prefer that this certificate were not issued in their real name can get an additional certificate that has an alias on it. The alias on the health advice certificate must be the same as the one on the registration certificate.

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