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### **Update about Visa, Police registration and immigration office in Germany**

Dear students,

As we all know, the situation is constantly changing currently due to the pandemic extension of the coronavirus. Here is some important information on your immigration status, visa, residence permits, police registration etc. Please read it carefully and let us know if you have any questions!

Hereby we would like to inform you about the current services of Berlin city halls ("Bürgeramt") and Immigration Office ("Einwanderungsamt"). **The good news is that since the public authorities are closing to the public, they are also handling all applications very leniently to compensate for personal situations. There are still some important issues to be aware of!**

#### 1. Police – Registration Bürgeramt.

At the moment it is NOT possible to register at the city hall. Due to the current situation most of the city halls in Berlin are closed. The few remaining authorities are no longer handing out new appointments. According to the advice from the Bürgeramt, the new Anmeldungen (Police Registrations) should wait until further notice.

We know that some of you do need to activate your blocked accounts. For that matter you need the Anmeldung. We would like to kindly ask you to talk to your bank; maybe the bank would make an exception. If not, your parents could use services like Western Union and MoneyGram to send you money. Alternatively there is a possibility of sending money to EURASIA's bank account or over [FLYWIRE](#). This service can be arranged on a monthly basis for any students on the first Monday of each month due to restrictions in movement and personnel capacities. If you urgently need cash please use the moneygram and Western Union services. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries and/or doubts.

#### 2. Residence Permit/Visa - Immigration Office

If you have entered Germany recently and you haven't extended your visa yet, do not worry. Your visa will be valid for the meantime. You can stay in Germany with your current visa because currently it is not possible to extend your visa.

<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/ueber-uns/aktuelles/artikel.906001.php>

However, there will be an online offer for those who need to extend their visas soon. Please follow up for new information on this website.

More information here (in English): <https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/ueber-uns/aktuelles/artikel.908082.phpp>

**However, if you want to leave Germany for the time being and your visa is expiring soon, you will need to make sure that you arrive back in Germany before your visa becomes invalid! Otherwise you will have to apply for a new visa in your home country. You can re-enter Germany only with a valid visa!**

**Please keep in mind: if you are staying in your home country with a valid residence permit (for Germany), it will become invalid if you stay in your home country longer than 6 months!**

### 3. Other Important Matters

As you know, the situation is not easy, and you should make sure that we follow the needed precautions. So please:

- wash your hands frequently
- do not leave the house unless absolutely necessary (e.g. grocery shopping or a pharmacy visit). No fun activities in groups!
- We should stop the virus from spreading quickly. #flattenthecurve
- If you have any questions, please talk to your host families! We want you to stay safe and to keep safe!
- In case of any conflicts with your host families, please talk about the issues. You are welcome to contact us at all times. Friendly atmosphere and mutual support now is even more important.

**P L E A S E** follow the precautions published by Robert-Koch-Institute!

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**If you should have an emergency, call the emergency ambulance services on 112**

Take care, *und wir schaffen das!*

With warm regards and support,

EURASIA Team