



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: German citizenship and birth abroad

Are you a German citizen?

Were you born after December 31, 1999?

Were you born outside of Germany?

Are you expecting a child who will also be born outside of Germany?



If you said yes to all these questions, your child may NOT AUTOMATICALLY be German:

- **If you wish for your child to acquire German citizenship, you need to file an application for registration of the child's birth in Germany within one year of the birth.**
- **To meet the deadline, please file the application with the German mission by the deadline.**
- **If you miss this deadline and your child holds another citizenship, he or she will not have acquired German citizenship by birth.**