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Life Certificates

1. Requirement of pension authority

Once every year you are requested by your German pension authority to submit a "life certificate". If you do not present this in time, your pension payments might be suspended.

Please fill in the form completely (including the back page) and do not forget to include your citizenship details and your personal signature.

2. Certification

a) Certification by Australian authorities:

It is no longer necessary to have these particulars certified by a German Embassy or Consulate. Therefore you may have your life certificate confirmed and provided with an official seal by one of the following persons or authorities near you:

- Your local Centrelink branch
- Your local police station
- A Notary Public
- Your bank manager
- A German speaking pastor of your congregation
- A Rabbinate
- For age pensions also: Your doctor or nursing home

All these certifications are as valid as the one from the Embassy or Consulate – so please consider the most convenient option for you to avoid long travelling and waiting times.

b) Certification by a German Mission or a German Honorary Consul:

You can also have these particulars certified by the German Embassy, the Consulate General in Sydney, the Consulate General in Melbourne or one of the German Honorary Consuls. You need to come in person and **present a valid photo ID** (e. g. passport, driver's licence, proof of age-card etc.) and **proof of your citizenship** (passport, naturalisation certificate etc.).

The certification will be issued free of charge.

Other confirmations, e. g. by a post office or pharmacist, are NOT recognised.

If you are unable to sign and/or present the life certificate yourself because of illness, you additionally need your doctor to confirm this on the life certificate form.

The completely filled in and verified life certificate should then be sent directly to your pension authority in Germany.

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