



surnames / maiden names in German passports



Field No.	Field Name	Further Explanation
1a (Mustermann)	Last Name	Current Last Name
1b (Gabler)	Maiden Name	The last name a person was given at birth. This name remains the same, but is not part of the person's current last name.
2 (Erika)	First Name	
3 (August 12, 1984)	Date of Birth	
4. (F)	Gender	
5. (German)	Nationality	
6. (Berlin)	Place of Birth	
7. (March 1, 2017)	Date Issued	
8. (February 28, 2027)	Valid Until	
9. (City of Cologne)	Issuing Authority	

According to Section 4 of the Passport Act, the last name and, if applicable, the maiden name must generally be entered in full and without abbreviations in a German passport. If a name change has taken place (e.g., due to marriage), the maiden name is replaced by the new last name and is no longer part of the current name; however, it serves for identification purposes. Thus, in this example, the full name is “Erika Mustermann.”