

Data needed for the registration

- first and last name
- address/registered address
- date and place of birth
- nationality (work permit where relevant)
- federal state or districts where you would like to work
- 2 passport photos

You will need to show your personal ID or passport for your registration.

Consultations

As part of the registration, every sex worker must receive a **consultation on health-related topics** such as sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, contraception and drug use. If you register after December 31, 2017, the health consultation must be repeated **every 12 months** (and **every 6 months** for people under the age of 21). With the health consultation, you will receive a certificate. **This certificate must be presented at the registration and must always be available at work.**

Additionally, when registering, a **personal information session** will be given. Here you will be informed of your rights and obligations as a sex worker (for instance: health insurance, counseling services, taxes). In case there is a need for special counseling, the respective office will transfer you to a counseling center. In case of forced labor, necessary intervention measures will be initiated.

When all requirements for the registration have been fulfilled, a license (or “sex worker ID”) will be issued. You will receive your registration license **within 5 days. The registration license must be available at work.**

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The Prostitute Protection Law (Prostituiertenschutzgesetz)

The prostitute protection law is a new law. It will go into effect nationwide as of **July 1, 2017**.

This informational pamphlet is a summary of the most important parts of the new regulations. It refers to the legal text and the attached reasons it states.

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Transitional arrangement

Women and men who have worked as sex workers prior to July 1, 2017 must register by December 31, 2017.

The registration has to be renewed every 3 years. A health consultation must be carried out every 2 years for women and men who are over 21 years of age and every year for those who are under 21.

What does the law entail? What does it mean for those who do sex work?

- Women and men who do sex work – whether in the street, in a brothel, at home or as an escort – have to register as prostitutes.
- After December 31, 2017, women and men working as sex workers who are over 21 years of age must renew their registration every two years. Women and men working as sex workers under 21 must renew their registration every year.
- Anyone caught working as a sex worker without a registration might have to pay a fine.

The registration license includes

- 1 passport photo
- first and last name (or pseudonym)
- date and place of birth
- nationality
- all registered work localities
- period of validity
- city where the registration license has been issued
- who comes from a non-EU country and doesn’t have a work permit

You will not receive your registration license

- if you do not submit all of the required papers (for example, your health consultation certificate) or if you don’t provide all of the necessary information. You must register no later than 3 months after your health consultation certificate has been issued
- if you are under 18
- 6 weeks before giving birth
- if you are under 21 and were forced to do sex work

The information provided by those registering as prostitutes will be stored and (when requested) provided to specific agencies, such as the responsible tax office or respective work localities. Even if you work as an independent sex worker, tax registration is still required. If the registration is not extended, the information collected for registration purposes will be deleted within 3 months.

New regulations for brothel owners

There are also new regulations for brothel owners. Anyone wishing to operate a prostitution business has to apply for a permit from the responsible city office. Brothel owners must write a business concept and submit it for permission. Sex workers who work alone in their own apartment do not need this particular permit.

Additional Regulations

- Separate toilets, break rooms and emergency call systems
- Sex workers within brothels will no longer be allowed to reside or stay the night in the same rooms where they work. Separate rooms for sleeping and working are required.
- Brothel owners should not allow unregistered women and men work at their business. If they do, they will lose their permit or will have to pay high fines.
- Owners must set up written agreements with sex workers and issue receipts for all payments. Additionally, they must keep accurate records of who is working when and what was earned.
- Owners must always provide condoms, lubricant, and hygiene supplies, as well as ensure hygienic conditions at the workplace.
- Owners must allow counselors trained in the field of sexually transmitted diseases onto their premises. These can be employees of the city’s public health office (Gesundheitsamt) or social workers from special counseling centers.

Working without a condom will be illegal. Advertisements for services providing sex without condoms will likewise be illegal. Violations of this regulation will be punished with high fines.

Important contacts

Beratungsstelle „Amalie“ in Mannheim (Counseling Center)

The counseling center „Amalie“ supports women who work as sex workers or who want to get out of this work. It helps women with all aspects of life, ranging from pregnancy, health, finding an apartment and legal matters to finding a different career. Women who were forced into prostitution can contact this team at any time. All services are free and can be used anonymously.

Beratungsstelle „Amalie“ (Diakonisches Werk Mannheim)
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Gesundheitsamt Rhein-Neckar-Kreis (Public health office)

AIDS-STI-Beratung (anonymous und free)
Kurfürsten-Anlage 38-40
69115 Heidelberg
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Universitäts-Frauenklinik
(University of Heidelberg Women’s Hospital)

Im Neuenheimer Feld 440
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PLUS Mannheim
(LGBTTIQ Counseling Center)

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Counseling is also available in Heidelberg
(every second Monday/month) at:

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Helpline „Violence against Women“ (free)

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Emergency contact – police: 110

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