

CERTIFIED COPIES AND WHERE TO GET THEM

A guide to German bureaucracy by



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BÜRGERAMT

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START

Was the document originally issued by a German public authority?

NO

Is it in another language?

YES

Are you strapped for cash?

NO

EMBASSY

YES

Has a German public office requested it?

NO

NOTARY

NO

Are you strapped for cash?

NO

YES

YES

YES

Is it personal in nature, e.g. a birth, death or marriage certificate?

NO

Is it an excerpt from a land or trade register or a register of associations?

YES

THE ISSUING AUTHORITY

STANDESAMT