

# Germany Flag Facts



- The flag of Germany (German: Bundesflagge) was adopted in its present form in 1919. It was readopted with the new constitution of 1949. It has three colors and is made of three equal horizontal bands colored black (top), red, and gold (bottom).
- The Dienstflagge or service flag is the version of the flag for government use. It has the national coat of arms in the center. Ships of the German Navy use this flag with a triangle cut out of the end as an ensign.
- Some states use the national flag with the state coat of arms as a state flag.
- Under the Nazi government between 1933 and 1945, Germany used a different flag with a swastika on it. Today, it is not legal to put up this flag in Germany.