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# Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010020020024, 99010020020024
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers
Typisierung	3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung

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Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Verlängerung (020)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	16.08.2024
Fachlich freigegeben durch	National editorial office
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_2_1.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_2_1.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_8_.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_8_.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_5_.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_5_.html</a>
Teaser	If you, as a graduate of a higher education course in Germany or as a former holder of a residence permit as a researcher or scientist, have a residence permit for self-employment, this can be extended again.
Volltext	<p>If you have already received a residence permit for self-employment in accordance with Section 21 (2a) of the Residence Act on the basis of a successful degree from a state or state-recognized university or comparable educational institution in Germany or a previous residence permit as a researcher or scientist and its validity is about to expire, you can apply to extend your residence permit.</p> <p>Make sure you submit your application in good time before your residence permit expires.</p> <p>The residence permit will be issued again for up to three years.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	In principle, the extension of your residence permit

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requires the submission of the same documents as for the initial issue:

- Recognized and valid identity document (e.g. passport or passport substitute)
- Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)
- Description of the self-employed activity (business plan)
- Proof of financing of the self-employed activity (e.g. proof of equity capital, financing commitment from a bank).
- Extract from the commercial register or business registration
- Proof of livelihood (e.g. proof of income, equity capital, blocked account, declaration of commitment)
- Proof of health insurance cover (e.g. confirmation of health insurance cover or insurance policy).
- After the age of 45: Proof of adequate pension provision (e.g. proof of own assets, acquired pension entitlements, business assets)

The documents and information must always be submitted in German. In individual cases, the Immigration Office may require less or further proof.

You may also have to submit proof of your degree from a state-recognized university or comparable educational institution in Germany or your old employment contract as a scientist and researcher to the immigration authority again in order to prove the connection between your previous employment and your business idea.

## Voraussetzungen

In principle, the same requirements must be met for the extension of the residence permit as for the initial issue of the residence permit. This means that

- The period of validity of your current residence permit will expire in the near future.
- You wish to continue your self-employed or freelance activity in Germany.
- Your self-employed activity is still related to the knowledge you acquired during your university education or during your previous work as a

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researcher or scientist.

- You can continue to secure your livelihood and health insurance cover without claiming public benefits.
- If you have reached the age of 45, you can prove that you have adequate pension provision (does not apply to persons with Turkish citizenship).
- There are no grounds for deportation against you.

## Kosten

96.00 Euro for a further stay of up to three months  
93.00 Euro for a further stay of more than three months  
Remark: The residence permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as electronic proof of identity, must be reissued for the extension. This may incur additional fees. The time and form of fee collection and payment vary depending on the authority. In certain cases, fee reductions or exemptions may apply (e.g. for persons entitled to asylum or recognized refugees). Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.

## Verfahrensablauf

- Find out whether your foreigners authority allows you to apply online or has a special application form.
- If the application can only be submitted in person, make an appointment at the immigration office. If you apply online, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your application to arrange an appointment.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your original documents with you to the appointment if possible).
- If your application is approved, your fingerprints will be taken in order to produce the residence permit in the form of a new electronic residence permit (eAT card).
- The Foreigners' Registration Office will commission the Bundesdruckerei to produce the eAT card. After completion, you will receive information and can collect the eAT card from the responsible office. The eAT card must always be collected in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a notice of rejection

## Bearbeitungsdauer

6 weeks to 8 weeks. The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the immigration office. The production of the electronic residence permit by

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	the Bundesdruckerei takes around 4 to 6 weeks.
Frist	Application period: 6 weeks to 8 weeks. The extension of the residence permit must be applied for before the validity of the current residence permit expires. The application should be received by the Aliens' Registration Office at least six to eight weeks before the residence permit expires. Maximum duration 3 years. The residence permit can be issued for up to three years.
weiterführende Informationen	Information for start-ups on the Federal Government's portal for skilled workers from abroad: <a href="https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/arbeiten-in-deutschland/existenzgruendung/gruende">https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/arbeiten-in-deutschland/existenzgruendung/gruende</a> Information from the Federal Employment Agency on labor market access for people from abroad (including a migration check for employees and information sheet on employment in Germany): <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/fuer-menschen-aus-dem-ausland">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/fuer-menschen-aus-dem-ausland</a>
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appeal against the decision of the immigration authority within one month of notification.</li> <li>• Legal action before the court named in the objection notice if the objection is not upheld</li> </ul>
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers</li> <li>• An extension of the residence permit for the purpose of self-employment is possible if the current residence permit was issued on the basis of Section 21 (2a) AufenthG and is still valid.</li> <li>• In principle, the same requirements must be met for the extension of the residence permit as for the initial issue of the residence permit.</li> <li>• The self-employed activity must continue to show a connection with the knowledge acquired during higher education or the previous activity as a researcher or scientist.</li> <li>• The applicant's livelihood (including health insurance) must be secured.</li> <li>• The applicant's stay does not jeopardize or impair the</li> </ul>

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interests of the Federal Republic of Germany and there is no interest in deportation.

- If the applicant has reached the age of 45, they must provide proof of adequate retirement provision (does not apply to Turkish nationals).
- Residence permit is issued again for up to three years.
- Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence

## Ansprechpunkt

### Zuständige Stelle

The foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence is responsible for processing the application.

## Formulare

### Ursprungsportal

Aufenthaltserlaubnis zum Zweck der Erwerbstätigkeit  
Verlängerung für selbstständige ehemalige  
Wissenschaftler und Forscher, Residence permit for  
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