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# Apply for a residence permit for freelancers

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010020001026, 99010020001026
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a residence permit for freelancers
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Apply for a residence permit for freelancers
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind

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Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	14.10.2021
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sport
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/estg/_18.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/estg/_18.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_45.htm">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_45.htm</a>   <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/estg/_18.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/estg/_18.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_45.htm">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_45.htm</a> 
Teaser	You can obtain a residence permit to exercise a freelance activity if you meet certain requirements.
Volltext	<p>You can obtain a residence permit for freelancers if you wish to pursue a freelance activity in Germany. Freelance activities include scientific, artistic, writing, teaching, educational or other self-employed professional activities as defined in Section 18 (1) of the Income Tax Act (e.g. self-employed doctors, notaries, tax consultants).</p> <p>If required, you must submit a professional permit. The professional permit is a state occupational licence that allows persons to work in a specific profession in Germany (e.g. medical professions, lawyers). If you do not yet have a professional permit, it is sufficient to prove that you have been promised one.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid passport or passport replacement</li> <li>• Visa, if required for entry into Germany</li> <li>• Current biometric photo</li> <li>• Permit to exercise a liberal profession or confirmation of the granting of such a permit, if applicable</li> <li>• Proof of the security of livelihood (e.g. equity capital, blocked account, declaration of commitment)</li> <li>• Proof of health insurance</li> </ul>

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- Current certificate of registration
- If you have reached the age of 45: Proof of adequate retirement provisions (e.g. proof of own assets, acquired pension entitlements, business assets).

In individual cases, the Aliens' Registration Office may request further documents.

## Voraussetzungen

- You are in possession of a recognised and valid passport or passport replacement and - if required for entry into Germany - an appropriate visa.
- There is no interest in deportation against you.
- Your stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- You wish to exercise a self-employed, freelance activity in Germany.
- You are in possession of the necessary permit to exercise the freelance activity or you have been assured of the granting of the permit by the competent authority.
- If you have reached the age of 45: You can provide evidence of adequate old-age provision.
- You can secure your livelihood and health insurance cover from your own resources without recourse to public benefits.

## Kosten

Gebühr: 100€

Under certain conditions, a fee reduction or exemption may be considered. Hints: Additional fees may apply for the issuance of the residence permit in the form of an electronic residence title, which can also be used as an electronic proof of identity. The timing and form of charging and payment vary depending on the authority.

## Verfahrensablauf

The procedure is as follows:

- Depending on the immigration authority and concerns, it may be possible to apply via the Internet. Find out whether your immigration authority offers the electronic application for a residence permit.
- If the application is only possible in person, make an appointment with the Foreigners' Registration Office. During the appointment, your application will be received and your supporting documents will be

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	<p>checked (bring them with you to the appointment). Your fingerprints will be taken to produce an electronic residence permit (eAT card).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event of an electronic application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you upon receipt of your online application in order to make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office if necessary. During the appointment, your documents will be checked (bring them with you to the appointment) and your fingerprints will be taken for the production of the electronic residence title (eAT card).</li> <li>• If your application is granted, the Foreigners' Registration Office will arrange for the eAT card to be produced.</li> <li>• After about six to eight weeks, you can pick up the eAT card at the Foreigners' Registration Office.</li> <li>• The eAT card must always be picked up in person.</li> </ul>
Bearbeitungsdauer	about six to eight weeks.
Frist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The residence permit should be applied for no later than eight weeks before your visa or current residence permit expires.</li> <li>• The residence permit is issued for a limited period.</li> <li>• Deadline for appeal: one month</li> </ul>
weiterführende Informationen	<p>Portal of the Federal Government for skilled workers from abroad</p> <p><a href="https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/ueber-das-portal/kontakt/hotline/">https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/ueber-das-portal/kontakt/hotline/</a></p>
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	Administrative court action: Detailed information on this can be found in the decision rejecting your application.
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Issuance for freelancers</li> <li>• Foreigners who wish to pursue a freelance occupation in Germany may be granted a residence permit if they meet certain requirements.</li> <li>• If a special professional permit is required to exercise the freelance profession, e.g. for doctors, pharmacists, dentists and veterinary surgeons, lawyers, tax</li> </ul>

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	<p>consultants (e.g. licence, approbation), this must be available or at least the granting must be promised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending on the foreigners authority and the request, the application can be made via the Internet or in person.</li> <li>• A fee is charged for the issuance of the residence permit. The time and form of payment vary depending on the authority.</li> <li>• Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence;</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	<p>You can also obtain free advice on the topics of entry, residence and employment from the "Hotline Working and Living in Germany" from the Federal Government's portal for skilled workers from abroad.</p> <p>Telephone: 030 1815-1111</p> <p>Service hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>
Zuständige Stelle	The immigration authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.
Formulare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online procedure possible in some cases</li> <li>• Written form required</li> <li>• Personal appearance required</li> </ul>
Ursprungsportal	Aufenthaltserlaubnis für Freiberufler beantragen, Apply for a residence permit for freelancers