



Residence Permit for Self-Employed Persons/Freelancer

General Information:

A self-employed activity is any self-employed, profitmaking and permitted long-term activity whereby you are not an employee. Freelancers such as artists (painters, musicians or writers), journalists, engineers, architects, auditors, tax advisors, interpreters etc. can be issued a residence permit for their occupation. However, the freelance activity must be also exercised independently.

Granting a residence permit for a Self-Employed Person/Freelancer requires that the means of subsistence are ensured in Germany and that the stay does not infringe or endanger the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany for any other reason.

Please prepare the following documents (the original copy plus one duplicate) for your interview:

- two completed and signed application forms
- two biometric passport photos
- original passport plus two copies of the data page
- original and copy of detailed business plan
- evidence of valid health insurance plus copy
- evidence of funds
- visa fee of Euro 75 payable in New Zealand Dollars

Further documentation may be required in individual cases