

## 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:**

- completed and signed application form
- one biometric passport photo
- original passport plus one copy of the data page
- original of detailed business plan
- evidence of valid health insurance
- evidence of funds
- visa fee of Euro 75 payable in New Zealand Dollars
- self-addressed courier envelope

Further documentation may be required in individual cases