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## **FREELANCE WORK AND RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR GERMANY**

Three requirements are needed for the self-employment visa (freelancer).

- **Permission to exercise the liberal profession (e.g. training certificate).**
- **Secure financing for the project.**
- **Secure the cost of living in Germany**

**Regarding ...**

### **point 1)**

Some freelance activities require proof of qualifications, such as lawyers, engineers or architects. However, the majority do not require proof of qualifications or specific licenses.

### **point 2)**

You must secure financing for the project. If the freelance activity is a large project where office space, materials or similar are required, then the possibility of financing must be proven.

In freelance activities where no other costs are incurred by the freelancer, this requirement is therefore easily met.

### **point 3)**

You must cover the cost of living in Germany. As of 2023, this amounts to 12,324 euros per person/year. As a freelancer with us, you will receive a freelance contract for the respective projects, which specifies the remuneration. This contract serves as proof to the German embassy that you have sufficient financial means to cover the cost of living while you are in Germany.

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## Freelancers

If you would like to work as a freelancer in one of the liberal professions, you are able to obtain a residence permit for self-employment in accordance with **Section 21 (5) on the Residence Act - AufenthG** [↗](#). You must fulfil the following requirements:

- You can provide proof of sufficient funds to finance your projects.
- You have obtained any licences required to perform the job in question.
- If you are older than 45 years of age, you must provide proof of adequate old age pension provisions.

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## CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS

Step

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### Self-employed:

- Proof of economic interest in Germany.
- Positive impact of the business project on the German economy.
- Secure financial means (equity capital or loan commitment).
- People over the age of 45: adequate pension provision required.

### Freelancer:

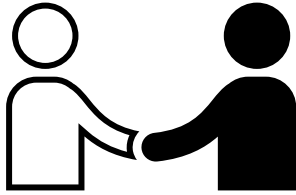
- Professional license to practice the self-employed activity (e.g. vocational training diploma).
- Proof of financial capability.
- Means to support yourself in Germany.
- People over the age of 45: adequate pension provision required.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY

source: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/visa-residence/types/other/self-employment>

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**How you can qualify for a visa for self-employment (freelancer).**



You join our freelancer team



You regularly receive orders from us



You apply for your visa for self-employment (freelancer)



The issuing of visas depends on the local German embassy and is therefore individualised from case to case. There may be complications or delays.