

Residence permit for the purpose of self-employment - Issuance -

A residence permit for a self-employed occupation *may* be issued for

- * Founder of a company,
- * Sole proprietor and
- * Managing directors and legal representatives of partnerships and corporations, if they have entrepreneurial responsibility.

Note: For freelancers different requirements apply:

[[[https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/328332/en/Residence permit for a freelance employment - Issuance](https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/328332/en/Residence%20permit%20for%20a%20freelance%20employment%20-%20Issuance)]]

Prerequisites

- Main residence in Berlin
- Economic interest of the state of Berlin
 - A foreigner may be granted a residence permit for the pursuit of a self-employed occupation if
 - * an economic interest or a regional need exists,
 - * the occupation is expected to have a positive impact on the economy and
 - * the implementation is financed by equity or a loan commitment.
 - Exception*: different standards apply to university graduates, researchers and scientists.
- For university graduates, researchers and scientists
 - Another examination standard applies to foreigners who
 - * have successfully completed a course of study in Germany at a state, state-recognised or comparable training institution, or
 - * work as a researcher or scientist in Germany and hold a residence permit.
 - The intended self-employed occupation must have a connection with the knowledge acquired during the studies or the occupation as a researcher or scientist.
- Adequate pension plan (only if you have already completed the 45th year of life)
 - Perspectively, at the age of 67, you must have the following:
 - * a monthly pension of 1,280.06 euros (for at least 12 years) or
 - * an asset amount of 187,682 euros.
 - Proof of a pension plan is not required for these nationalities: Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United States of America
 - Note: An adequate pension is always necessary for the issuance of a permanent settlement permit - regardless of age or nationality.
- A personal interview is required
 - The interview should, if possible, take place by appointment.

Documents required

- Valid passport
- 1 current biometric photo
35mm x 45mm, frontal shot with neutral facial expression and closed mouth, looking straight into the camera, light background

http://www.berlin.de/labo/_assets/kraftfahrzeugwesen/foto-mustertafel.pdf
- the form "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels" (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit)
Only required for first-time application

- Company profile
- For university graduates: A statement by the university
Alternative to the company profile:
A statement by the university regarding the knowledge acquired in higher education and the connection to the business idea

- For researchers and scientists: A statement of the previous employer
Alternative to the company profile:
A statement of the previous employer (e.g. research institution) on the connection between the occupation as researcher/scientist and the business idea

- Businessplan
- Business concept
- Capital requirement plan
- Financing plan
- Revenue forecast
- Curriculum vitae
Details of professional career, qualification certificates, diploma, references/sponsors

- For university graduates: Degree from a state-recognised university or comparable training institution in Germany
Original

- Excerpt from the Trade Register
However, at least the application for registration in the commercial register via a notary public; in the original

- Business registration (Gewerbeanmeldung)
Only if no entry in the commercial register is required; in the original

- Health insurance
Proof of a secure livelihood must also include sufficient health insurance. Those with statutory health insurance are sufficiently insured. Those with private health insurance must consider the type and extent of their health insurance. For more information, please read the leaflet "Information on adequate health insurance".

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- Lease or proof of home ownership
- Rental cost / expenses for property
Proof of the monthly rental costs (e.g. current account statement) or costs of the inhabited property; in each case in original form
- Adequate pension plan (only if you have already completed the 45th year of life)
You can provide evidence of adequate retirement benefits (see section "Prerequisites") by:
 - * an offer from a private pension or life insurer,
 - * own assets,
 - * acquired pension rights or
 - * operating assets
- Proof of main residence in Berlin
 - * Certificate of registration at the main residence *or*
 - * lease and written confirmation of occupancy from the landlord

Forms

- the form ?Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit) - in German, English, French, Italian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/mdb-f72301-labo_agen1__antrag_engl_frz_ital_03_2017.pdf
- the form ?Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit - in German, Greek, Turkish, Serbo-Croatian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/mdb-f72304-labo_agen2__antrag_griech_tuerk_sk_03_2017.pdf
- the form ?Antrag auf Erteilung eines Aufenthaltstitels (Application for Issuance of a Residence Permit - in German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/mdb-f72307-labo_agen3__antrag_span_port_russ_03_2017.pdf
- Company profile
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/firmenprofil.pdf
- Businessplan
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/businessplan.pdf
- Business concept
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/geschaeftskonzept.pdf
- Capital requirement plan
https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_asets/kapitalbedarfsplan.pdf
- Financing plan
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Revenue forecast

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/ertragsvorschau.pdf

Information on adequate health insurance

https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f131960-labo_4326_merkblatt_krankenversicherungsschutz_05.13_engl._.pdf

Fees

* 56.00 to 100.00 euros (depending on the technical effort)

* A maximum of 28.80 euro for Turkish citizens

Legal basis

- Section 21 para 1 or 2a Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG

http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0518

Average time to process request

The residence permit will generally be issued as an adhesive label in your passport. Electronic residence permits can at the moment only be issued in exceptional circumstances.

More information

- Starting a Business in Berlin - A Beginner's Guide by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Berlin

https://www.ihk-berlin.de/English/en/s_987416/Starting_a_business_in_berlin/Getting_started/3298302

- Certificate of registration at the main residence (Meldebestätigung)

<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/120686/>

- Example: confirmation of occupancy from the landlord

http://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zentrale-einwohnerangelegenheiten/_assets/mdb-f402544-20161102_wohnungsgeberbestaetigung.pdf

- Permanent settlement permit for self-employed persons

<http://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/326564/standort/121885/>

Information on this location

Berlin Immigration Office,

Friedrich-Krause-Ufer

Address

Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24
13353 Berlin

Current information on this location

Due to the pandemic spread of the corona virus, the service is restricted until further notice.

In order to protect against the risk of infection we have switched to processing customer applications online and in writing.

Please note the current information on our website.

Sonstige Hinweise zum Standort

Photo booth and copier (charge) are located at the cashier (house A, first floor).

Barrier-free access

This facility is wheelchair accessible.

Handicapped parking space available.

A wheelchair-accessible elevator is available.

A wheelchair-accessible WC is available.

Elevators in the houses A and C

Opening hours

Monday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Tuesday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Wednesday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Thursday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Friday: Until further notice, processing of applications is generally only possible online and in writing

Information for customers with an appointment

* *We have switched to processing customer applications online and in writing*

* *Please note the

[[<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/ueber-uns/aktuelles/artikel.910230.php>|current information on our website]].*

Public transportation

S-Bahn S 41/42 (Westhafen)

U-Bahn U 9 (Amrumer Str.)

Bus 123, 142, M27

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Payment methods

You can pay in cash or with a debit card (Girocard) (with PIN) at this location.

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