



FREELANCER/SELF-EMPLOYMENT VISA

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General information:

- If you wish to stay in Germany on a long term basis (more 90 days) you are required to obtain a residence permit. This visa in form of a national visa must be issued before you enter the country.
- The national visa will generally be issued for 90 days and needs to be extended after your arrival in Germany. Please contact the local authorities (Einwohnermeldeamt/ Bürgerbüro) to register and apply for the (extension of) the residence permit with the aliens authority (Ausländerbehörde)
- Processing of the visa takes **several months** upon submission of complete documents. The residence permit can be issued only upon approval by the competent authorities in Germany. You will receive a prompt notification upon completion of the processing. We ask that no status request is made.
- Kindly note that you cannot apply for a residence permit in Germany and that you cannot convert a "tourist, business or visitor visa" into any kind of "national visa".
- It is recommended that at no time a flight ticket should be purchased until a visa has been granted.
- The **fee** for the processing of the visa application is the equivalent of EURO 75.00 (paid in SGD).
- All documents must be submitted in **original + 2 copies**. Copies will not be made by the Embassy.
- This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. Further documentation can at all times be requested or provided by the applicant, in support of the application.

Please submit:

2 duly completed visa application forms (please ensure that you sign the forms)

[Online application form](#)

Together with following documents in original plus 2 photocopies (complete applications only!):

- Passport**
- For non-Singapore citizens: **Employment pass/ dependent pass/ student pass** (please bring along a printout of your current Singaporean residence permit validity (no QR-Code)).
- 2 recent passport photographs(not older than 3 months)** according to **biometric specifications** ([see sample photos](#))
- Proof of health insurance**
- Proof of accommodation/ rental agreement**
- Company profile
- Motivation letter (in German)
- Detailed business plan (in German) including your written anticipation of meeting the a.m. criteria
- Details about the number of jobs created
- Proof of financial investment, incl. bank statements of the last 3 month
- Revenue forecast for at least 3 years
- Curriculum vitae
- degree certificate, specifying the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained in your higher education
- Adequate pension plan e.g. your CPF contribution in Singapore
- If your age is above 45:** An offer from private pension insurer be submitted which guarantees a monthly pension of 1,280.06 Euros after the age of 67 (for at least 12 years) or an asset amount of 187,682 Euros. Alternatively, evidence can also be provided from currently available assets.

Proof of a pension plan is not required for these nationalities: Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United States of America