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Apply for a settlement permit for self-employed activity

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010003001008, 99010003001008
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Apply for a settlement permit for self-employed activity
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3b - Bund: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind

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Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	14.07.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior, Building and Digitalization Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_44.htm https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthv/_44.htm
Teaser	As a holder of a residence permit for the purpose of self-employment, you can apply for an unlimited residence title (settlement permit) after three years.
Volltext	<p>As a holder of a residence permit for the purpose of self-employed (entrepreneurial) activity, you can be granted a settlement permit after only three years if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have successfully realized your business idea and • the livelihood of you and your family members is secured. <p>The circle of family members to be taken into account is defined by the characteristic of family community and the obligation to support.</p> <p>Other authorities may be involved in assessing whether your entrepreneurial activity has been successfully realized.</p> <p>The settlement permit represents an independent right of residence, independent of the original purpose of residence. It entitles the holder to pursue gainful employment and is unlimited in time and space.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognized and valid identity document (for example passport or passport substitute)

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- current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)
- Residence permit according to § 21 paragraph 1 or paragraph 2a Residence Act
- Proof of successful realization of the original business idea (documents that allow a comprehensible assessment of the business results to date)
- Proof of livelihood (for example, proof of income, equity capital, blocked account, declaration of commitment, rental agreement)
- Proof of health insurance coverage (for example, confirmation of health insurance coverage or insurance policy)
- Proof of old-age provision

The documents and information must always be presented in German. In individual cases, the Aliens' Registration Office may require less or further proof.

Voraussetzungen

- You have been in possession of a residence permit for entrepreneurial self-employment (not freelance) for three years.
- Your residence permit was issued in accordance with Section 21 (1) or (2a) of the Residence Act for a self-employed, entrepreneurial activity.
- You are able to secure the livelihood (including health insurance) for yourself (and your family) independently - i.e. without claiming public benefits - with the income from your entrepreneurial activity (income from your family members or profits from capital assets cannot be taken into account).
- You can prove that you have sufficient retirement provisions.
- There are no reasons of public security and order against your stay in Germany (you are exempt from punishment).

Kosten

Cost amount (fee): 124,00 EUR

Remark: For the issuance of the settlement permit in the form of the electronic residence permit, which can also be used as an electronic proof of identity, additional fees may be charged.

The timing and the form of the fee collection as well as

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the payment vary depending on the authority.

Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.

Verfahrensablauf

- The settlement permit must be applied for before the validity of your current residence permit expires.
- Find out whether your Aliens' Registration Office allows you to apply online or has a special application form.
- If the application can only be submitted in person, make an appointment at the Aliens' Registration Office. In the case of online application, the Aliens' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your application to schedule an appointment.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your documents to the appointment, if possible in original).
- If your application is granted, your fingerprints will be taken for the production of the settlement permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card).
- The Foreigners' Registration Office will order the production of the eAT card from the Bundesdruckerei. After completion, you will receive information and can pick up the eAT card at the responsible office. The eAT card must always be collected in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice.

Bearbeitungsdauer

Duration (with span): approx. 6 to 8 weeks Note for further information on processing time: The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. It takes about 4 weeks to 6 weeks for the Bundesdruckerei to produce the electronic residence permit.

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Duration (for span): 6 to 8 weeks Remark (for more information about the deadline): At least six to eight weeks before your visa or current residence permit expires, the application should be received by the Foreigners' Registration Office. The settlement permit is issued for an unlimited period of time. Only the electronic residence title (eAT card) is issued for a limited period of time and must be renewed at the end of its validity.

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Informationen

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/visum-aufenthalt/dauerhaft-in-deutschland/niederlassungserlaubnis>
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Hinweise

- If you are working as a freelancer with a residence permit in accordance with Section 21 (5) of the Residence Act, you can only be granted a settlement permit after 5 years. Other requirements then also apply.
- The procedure is usually conducted in German.
- A settlement permit can expire if you stay outside Germany for more than six months, if this stay abroad was not previously agreed with the Foreigners Authority.
- All information provided to the Foreigners' Registration Office should be correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief, so that the request can be processed without major delays.
- Incorrect or incomplete information can slow down the process and be detrimental to the person concerned. In a serious case, incorrect or incomplete information that is not completed or corrected in time vis-à-vis the Aliens Department may result in the revocation of residence rights already granted, a fine, a prison sentence of up to three years, or expulsion from the Federal territory.
- Due to the complexity of the right of residence, this description is for information purposes only and is not legally binding.

Rechtsbehelf

- Appeal against the decision of the foreigners authority within one month of notification
- Action before the court named in the notice of appeal if the appeal is not granted

Kurztext

- Settlement permit; issuance for self-employed activity
- Holders of a residence permit for the purpose of self-employment may be granted a permanent residence title (settlement permit) after three years if the foreigner has successfully realized his business idea and the livelihood for him and his family members continues to be secured.
- The settlement permit is an independent right of residence, independent of the original purpose of

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	<p>residence, which entitles the holder to pursue gainful employment without restriction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	The foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence is responsible for processing the application.
Formulare	Forms available: No Written form required: No Informal application possible: Yes Personal appearance required: Yes
Ursprungsportal	Apply for a settlement permit for self-employed activity, Niederlassungserlaubnis für eine selbständige Tätigkeit beantragen