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# Applying for an extension of a residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment for freelancers

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99010020020025
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for an extension of a residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment for freelancers
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Applying for an extension of a residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment for freelancers
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Verlängerung (020)

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SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder, einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	07.04.2022
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_8.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_8.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_21.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/estg/_18.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/estg/_18.html</a>
Teaser	You can extend your residence permit for the purpose of exercising a freelance activity if you wish to continue exercising your freelance activity in Germany and meet certain requirements for this purpose.
Volltext	<p>You can extend your temporary residence permit for freelancers if you want to continue practicing your freelance activity in Germany.</p> <p>For the extension of the residence permit, you must fulfill the same requirements as when the residence permit was first issued.</p> <p>Freelance activities include scientific, artistic, writing, teaching, educational or other self-employed professional activities as defined in Section 18 (1) of the Income Tax Act (for example, self-employed doctors, notaries, tax consultants).</p> <p>If required, you must currently submit a professional license again.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	In principle, the extension of your residence permit requires the submission of the same documents as for the initial issuance:

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- Recognized and valid identity document (for example, passport or passport replacement).
- Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)
- For regulated professions: Permission to practice the liberal profession or promise of granting it.
- Proof of livelihood (e.g. equity capital, blocked account, declaration of commitment)
- Proof of health insurance coverage
- From the age of 45: proof of adequate pension provision (e.g. proof of own assets, acquired pension entitlements, business assets)
- Current certificate of registration
- In individual cases, the Aliens Department may require less or further proof.

## Voraussetzungen

For the extension of the residence permit, you must fulfill the same requirements as for the initial issuance of the residence permit. These are regularly:

- You possess a recognized and valid identity document (for example, passport or passport substitute).
- You want to exercise a self-employed, freelance activity in Germany.
- You have, as far as this is necessary for the exercise of the occupation, a valid occupation practice permission or the granting of the permission was assured to you by the responsible place.
- You can provide evidence of adequate old-age provision if you have reached the age of 45.
- You can secure your livelihood and health insurance coverage without recourse to public benefits.
- There is no interest in deportation against you.
- Your stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

## Kosten

Cost:

- 96,00 for a further stay of up to three months
- 93,00 for a further stay of more than three months

Remark:

Additional fees may apply for the issuance of the

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residence permit in the form of the electronic residence permit, which can also be used as an electronic proof of identity.

## Verfahrensablauf

- Find out whether your Foreigners' Registration Office allows you to apply online or whether you have a special application form.
- If the application is only possible in person, make an appointment at the Foreigners' Registration Office. In the case of an online application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your application to make an appointment.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your documents, preferably in the original, to the appointment).
- If your application is granted, your fingerprints will be taken for the purpose of creating a new electronic residence permit (eAT card). The Foreigners' Registration Office commissions the production of the eAT card from the Federal Printing Office. After completion, you will receive information and can pick up the residence permit from the competent authority. The eAT card must always be picked up in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice.

## Bearbeitungsdauer

The time it takes to process the application depends on the local conditions as well as on the factual accuracy of the information in the application and the completeness of the application documents.

## Frist

The application should be received by the Foreigners' Registration Office no later than 8 before the expiry of your current residence permit. The residence permit is usually extended for the duration of the freelance activity. Deadline for filing an action: 1 month

## weiterführende Informationen

## Hinweise

## Rechtsbehelf

- Appeal against the decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office
- Action before the court named in the notice of appeal

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	if the appeal is not granted
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for freelancers</li> <li>• Foreigners who have received a residence permit for freelance work in Germany can extend this permit under certain conditions.</li> <li>• In the case of regulated freelance professions, a valid professional practice permit is required (for example, for doctors, pharmacists, dentists and veterinarians, lawyers, tax consultants).</li> <li>• The residence permit is usually extended for the duration of the freelance activity.</li> <li>• Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	<p>Forms available: No</p> <p>Written form required: Yes</p> <p>Informal application possible: No</p> <p>Personal appearance required: Yes</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Verlängerung einer Aufenthaltserlaubnis zum Zweck der Erwerbstätigkeit für Freiberufler beantragen, Applying for an extension of a residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment for freelancers</p>