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Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers

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Leistungsschlüssel	99010020020024
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers
Typisierung	3b - Bundesaufsichtsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung

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Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Verlängerung (020)
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	30.08.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Handlungsgrundlage	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/__2_1.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/__8_.html https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/__5_.html
Teaser	If you, as a graduate of a higher education program in Germany or as a former holder of a residence permit as a researcher or scientist, have a residence permit for self-employment, this can be extended again.
Volltext	<p>If you had already received a residence permit for self-employment according to Section 21 (2a) of the Residence Act on the basis of a successful degree from a state or state-recognized university or comparable educational institution in the Federal Republic of Germany or a previous residence permit as a researcher or scientist and its validity is about to expire, you can apply for an extension of the residence permit.</p> <p>Make sure to submit your application in due time before the validity of your residence permit expires.</p> <p>The residence permit will be issued again for up to three years.</p>

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Erforderliche Unterlagen

In principle, the extension of your residence permit requires the submission of the same documents as for the initial issuance:

- Recognized and valid identity document (for example, passport or passport replacement).
- Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)
- Description of the self-employed activity (business plan)
- Proof of financing of the self-employed activity (for example, proof of equity capital, financing commitment from a bank).
- Extract from the commercial register or business registration
- Proof of livelihood (e.g. proof of income, equity capital, blocked account, declaration of commitment).
- Proof of health insurance coverage (for example, confirmation of health insurance coverage or insurance policy).
- After reaching the age of 45: proof of adequate pension provision (for example, proof of own assets, acquired pension entitlements, company assets).

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

If necessary, you may also have to present the Aliens' Registration Office again with proof of graduation from a state-recognized university or a comparable educational institution in Germany or your old employment contract as a scientist and researcher, in order to prove again the connection between your previous activity and your business idea.

Voraussetzungen

In principle, the same requirements must be met for the extension of the residence permit as for the initial issuance of the residence permit. That is:

- The period of validity of your current residence permit will expire in the near future.
- You want to continue your self-employed or freelance activity in Germany.
- Your self-employed activity is still related to the

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knowledge you acquired during your university education or during your previous work as a researcher or scientist.

- You can continue to secure your livelihood and health insurance coverage without claiming public benefits.
- If you have reached the age of 45, you can prove that you have adequate old-age security (does not apply to persons with Turkish citizenship).
- There is no interest in deportation against you.

Kosten

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

Remark:

The residence permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as electronic proof of identity, must be reissued for the extension. Additional fees may be charged for this.

The time and the form of the fee collection as well as the payment vary depending on the authority.

In certain cases, fee reductions or exemptions may apply (for example, for persons entitled to asylum or recognized refugees). Lower fees may apply for Turkish nationals.

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 the online application, the Foreigners' Registration Office will contact you after receipt of your application to make an appointment.
- During the appointment, your identity and documents will be checked (please bring your original documents with you to the appointment, if possible).
- If your application is granted, your fingerprints will be taken for the purpose of obtaining a residence permit in the form of a new electronic residence permit (eATKarte).

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- 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 eAT card from the responsible office. The eAT card must always be picked up in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice

Bearbeitungsdauer

6 weeks to 8 weeks. The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. The production of the electronic residence permit by the Bundesdruckerei takes about 4 to 6 weeks.

Frist

6 - 8 Woche(n)
The extension of the residence permit must be applied for before the validity of the current residence permit ends. The application should be received by the Foreigners' Registration Office no later than six to eight weeks before the expiry of the residence permit.
3 Jahr(e)
The residence permit can be issued for up to three years.

weiterführende Informationen

Hinweise

- Self-employed activity is any self-employed, permitted, profit-making activity of a certain duration, provided it is not an employment relationship.
- The extension of the residence permit is at the discretion of the competent foreigners authority. Applicants are therefore only entitled to a decision free of discretionary errors.
- After holding a residence permit for three years for the purpose of self-employment, it is possible to apply for an unlimited residence title (settlement permit) under simplified conditions (see service "Settlement permit issued for self-employment").
- For freelancers, other conditions apply for the extension of the residence permit as well as for obtaining a settlement permit.
- The procedure is usually conducted in German.
- All information provided to the Aliens' Registration Office should be correct and complete to the best of

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your knowledge and belief, so that the request can be processed without major delays.

- Incorrect or incomplete information can slow down the procedure and be disadvantageous for 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

- An appeal against a negative decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office can be brought before the competent administrative court.
- A preliminary procedure (opposition) does not take place in Lower Saxony.
- Detailed information can be found in the rejection notice.

Kurztext

- Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers.
- The extension of the residence permit for the purpose of self-employment can be considered if the current residence permit was issued on the basis of § 21 paragraph 2a AufenthG and is still valid.
- In principle, the same requirements must be met for the extension of the residence permit as for the initial granting of the residence permit.
- The self-employed activity must continue to show a connection with the knowledge acquired in the university education or the previous activity as a researcher or scientist.
- The livelihood (including health insurance) must be secured.
- The applicant's stay does not endanger or impair the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany and there is no interest in expulsion.
- If the applicant has reached the age of 45, he/she must provide evidence of adequate old-age provision

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	<p>(does not apply to Turkish nationals).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence permit is issued again for up to three years. • Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	<p>Forms available: No</p> <p>Written form required: No</p> <p>Informal application possible: Yes</p> <p>Personal appearance required: Yes</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Residence permit for the purpose of gainful employment Extension for self-employed former scientists and researchers, Aufenthaltserlaubnis zum Zweck der Erwerbstätigkeit Verlängerung für selbstständige ehemalige Wissenschaftler und Forscher</p>