



Checklist for a German national visa – freelancers –
(Section (21) 5 of the Residence Act (Aufenthaltsgesetz))

According to Section 18 of the German Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz), freelance employment includes independent scientific, artistic, literary, teaching or educational work, and the independent professional activity of doctors, dentists, veterinarians, lawyers, notaries, patent agents, surveyors, engineers, architects, commercial chemists, accountants, tax consultants, consulting economists, sworn accountants, tax agents, non-medical practitioners, physiotherapists, journalists, photojournalists, interpreters, translators, pilots and similar professions.

As the competent bodies at your future habitual residence assess whether the conditions for freelance activities by foreigners have been met in your case, **you are advised to contact the relevant authorities and enquire about special prerequisites before filing your visa application with us.** The authorities you need to contact are, for example, the Aliens Authority, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the authority regulating admission to the profession concerned.

For further information, please check <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/jobs/setting-up-a-business/types/self-employed-freelance> and <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/jobs/setting-up-a-business/visa/freelance>.

Before filling out the application form and booking an appointment, please prepare **2 identical sets** of the following documentation for your visa:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid passport (issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least another year as of the date of the visa application; passports with observations on the front data page cannot be accepted) with at least two empty pages
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Application form</u> & declaration (in accordance with Section 54 of the Residence Act) duly signed (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Declaration</u> regarding additional contact and legal representation information (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of your passport's data page (A4 size copy) (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Well-structured and detailed description of your planned freelance employment , supported by fee contracts and/or letters of intent (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum vitae (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of qualification , e.g. university degree, training certificate, experience certificates, reference letters (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of available capital (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revenue forecast (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If applicable: further supporting documents depending on the specific case (2 copies), such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — For applicants seeking employment in a regulated profession: original permission to exercise a profession (Berufsausübungserlaubnis) issued by the competent recognition body (for further information on regulated professions and the competent authorities, please check https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/en/interest/finder/profession) — Rental contract, if already concluded — Proof of business contacts in the relevant professional field in Germany/Europe — Degree from a state or a state-recognised higher education institute or comparable training institution in Germany
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of secure means of subsistence for at least one year (2 copies)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Health insurance (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you are 45 years or older: evidence of adequate retirement benefits (e.g. offer from a private pension or life insurer, own assets, acquired pension rights or operating assets); ultimately, at the age of 67, you must have either a monthly pension of 1280.06 euro payable for at least 12 years or assets totalling 187,682.00 euro (2 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 passport photos complying with biometric specifications, not older than 6 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa fee of 75 euro payable in INR only (please check our website for payment options and applicable exchange rate)

Please prepare two identical application sets with the above-mentioned documents and bring your original documents along. Please DO NOT staple any documents.

Please note that the German Missions reserve the right to ask for additional documents or the verification of certificates, for which additional fees would be charged.

Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.