

## checklist

### required documents for the Residence Permit for Self-Employed Persons

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This list includes the documents that are usually required. It is not a final list. In some individual cases, it may be necessary to submit further documents.

- completed application form
- valid passport [original and a copy]
- current biometric passport photograph
- if nec., valid entry visa for Self-Employed Persons
- proof of sufficient means of subsistence:
  - in case of starting a business a business plan [original and a copy]  
(For information about and support to create a business plan you can contact the responsible Chamber of Industry and Commerce or the responsible Chamber of Crafts.)
  - previous tax statements and if nec., current confirmation of the accountant of the determination of income for the last business year if the tax statement is not yet available [original and a copy]  
(Only nec. for extension of the residence permit.)
  - business assessments or if nec. current confirmation of the accountant of profit development in the current business year [original and a copy] (Only nec. for extension of the residence permit.)
  - a written report of the business progression including the prospect for the next three business years  
(Only nec. for extension of the residence permit.)
- statements by the regional commercial authorities, the public law trade associations, the Chamber of Industry and Commerce or Chamber of Crafts and if nec., also by the authorities responsible for occupational licensing (This will be requested by the responsible municipal or district immigration office in charge.)
- if nec., proof of business registration or listing in the commercial register [original and a copy]
- proof of the appropriate retirement provision [original and a copy]  
(Only nec., if applicant is older than 45 years.)
- researchers or scientists: previous or present employment contract [original and a copy]
- Graduates of an German university or college: proof of university or college degree [original and a copy]
- proof of health insurance [original and a copy]
- tenancy agreement [original and a copy]
- current German registration certificate