

National visa for Self-employment/Freelancer

1. General information

Please note that your visa application must be made in person and will be accepted only if all required documents are submitted according to our regulations.

Appointments can be booked online (free of charge) here
www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by two copies.
Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German.

2. General Requirements

A Visa is granted if:

- An economic interest and a regional need is given
- The freelancing activity presumably has positive impact on economy
- The funding is secured by equity capital or bank credit

Further information is available here:

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/for-qualified-professionals/working/setting-up-a-business-in-germany/visa-for-self-employment>

3. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is 75,00 Euro. This amount has to be paid in cash. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of the application or up-on denial is not possible.

4. Process

Processing visa usually takes some weeks. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their application.

5. Required documents

- Two application forms (and declaration in accordance with section 54 (2) No. 8 i.V.m. § 53 of the Residence Act) <https://tallinn.diplo.de/>
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed your stay by at least six months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago) (original + 2 copies of all pages with records)
- Two recent passport photographs (45X35mm)
- Estonian residence permit, held for at least 3 month at the time of application (original + two copies)
- Curriculum vitae of professional career, specifying the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained (original + one copy)
- Company profile; not applicable to freelancer (2 copies)
- Business plan ; not applicable to freelancer (2 copies)
- Business concept; not applicable to freelancer (2 copies)
- Capital requirements plan (2 copies)
- Finance plan or rather proof of funding (2 copies)
- Marketing strategy (2 copies)
- Earning forecast (2 copies)
- Proof of qualification, e.g. university diploma (original, if applicable translation in German, 2 copies)

- Additional remarks regarding the amount of employees and trainee positions (2 copies)
- If possible, explanation how the activity will influence innovation and research in Germany
- Tenancy agreement or proof of accommodation
- If possible, proof of future primary residence in Germany (resident registration, tenancy agreement)
- Health insurance for Germany during your entire stay (minimum coverage 30.000,00 Euro)

Applicants over 45 years:

If you are older than 45 years you have to submit documents proofing that according to your retirement plan you are adequately financially secured.

- Offer of a private pension insurance that guarantees a monthly pension of 1.188,92 Euro for at least 12 years or a capital of 175.068,00 Euro when reaching the age of 67 years.

This requirement is not applicable to applicants for a temporary resident visa from Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Iran, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United States.

Please ensure that your application documents are complete. Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.

In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.

This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.