

Supplementary documents for applying for a residence permit for self-employed

- if applicable, valid entry visa for employment purposes
- presentation of the business idea and proof of financing
- advice from the regional trade authorities, the public-law professional bodies, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry or the Chamber of Crafts and, if necessary, also from the authorities responsible for professional licensing (These are usually obtained by the competent immigration authority.)
- if applicable, certificate of business registration or entry in the commercial register or in the register of craftsmen
- in the case of an extension of the residence permit or of an application for a settlement permit, previous tax assessments and, if applicable, determination of the profit for the last financial year with confirmation from the tax advisor, if no income tax assessment has yet been received, business evaluations (in german: *betriebswirtschaftliche Auswertungen - BWA*) or, if applicable, current confirmation from the tax advisor on the profit development in the current financial year and written presentation on the development of business activities with an outlook for the next three financial years and, if applicable, a current extract from the Trade register, the commercial register or current craftman's card
- previous employment contract for researchers or scientists
- proof of university degree for graduates of a German university
- evidence of adequate pension provision for persons aged 45 and over