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## Information on how to apply for a freelancer visa

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If you intend to work as a freelancer in Germany, you have to apply for a visa including work permit before moving there. The visa will allow you to work as a freelancer according to your visa application, but it will not allow you to do any other work, especially not to be employed in Germany.

A positive decision about your application requires the consent of the aliens' authority at your intended place of residence. Furthermore, you have to prove a sufficient income from your freelancer work to finance all living costs in Germany including health, care and pension insurance. Also, the intended freelancer work has to be plausible according to your CV. Make sure to submit only meaningful and clear documents!

**Processing time** may take several months. The embassy highly recommends submitting your visa application as early as possible to avoid a delay of your entry into Germany. A visa application can be submitted up to three months prior to the intended date of entry.

An **appointment** can only be booked [online](#). The **visa fee** is 75€ and can be paid in cash or by credit card (Master, Visa).

### **The following documents are requested:**

- one filled in and signed application form including information according to Art. 55 German Law on Aliens (online form can be found [here](#) ; pdf form can be found [here](#))
- 1 biometric passport picture, not older than six months, white background, size: 45x35mm



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**The following documents have to be submitted in original with one simple copy each:**

- Business plan including information on your freelancer work and a list of income and expenditure in the upcoming three years
- Documents proving the information on income and expenditure
- Proof of health, care and pension insurance including monthly rate (see information below)
- CV
- List of all stays in Germany in the past six months including information on place and purpose of stay
- If necessary for the intended work: proof of knowledge of German
- If applicable: diploma including statement of comparability ([www.anabin.kmk.org](http://www.anabin.kmk.org))
- valid passport (copy of data page, passport signed, with at least three empty pages)
- Lithuanian residence permit (front and back page)

**General information:**

- Health and care insurance: You have to prove an insurance covering a permanent stay in Germany. Neither a travel health insurance nor an expat tariff will be accepted.
- If you have to prove knowledge of German, you have to submit a language certificate issued by the Goethe Institut, ÖSD, telc language schools, TestDaF or ALTE institutes.
- All foreign language documents (except passport, health insurance, Lithuanian residence permit) have to be accompanied by a translation into German.
- Make sure to submit all requested documents. Incomplete applications may be refused upon submitting or after processing your application. The embassy may request additional documents upon submitting or while processing your application.