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VISA FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT (§ 21 AufenthG)

Basic information

- You must submit your visa application for self-employment in the visa department of the German Embassy. (not at TLScontact) You need to book an appointment on the internet page of the German Embassy before.
- Documents which are not in German or English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- **Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in original with legalization.** Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed. You must legalize your university degrees and diplomas **before** you submit your documents!
- **Processing time is as a rule minimum 4 months** but can take longer in individual cases.
- The German Embassy reserves the right to request further documents.
- **Please do not contact the German Embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

General information

To work on a self-employed basis your proposed business must:

- suggest a beneficial economic impact;
- satisfy the needs of the Federal Republic of Germany or specific regional or local needs;
- be fully covered by your own capital or bank loan providing proof / confirmation in writing.

To ensure sustainability of your business project the following criteria will also be taken into consideration:

- viability of business plan,
- relevant business experience;
- amount to be invested in Germany;
- impact of business proposal on German labour market and economy;
- anticipated contribution to innovation and research in Germany.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.

Required Documents (for each document: original plus 2 copies!)

- **Passport** (not older than 10 years, valid for at least 3 months beyond the requested duration of stay, at least 2 blank pages) as well as the last existing old passport. The passport must be signed by the passport holder before the application. (original with two (2) copies)
- **2 fully completed application forms** with the legal instruction (German: “Belehrung”), both signed separately. The forms must be filled out online at <https://videx-national.diplo.de/> and then printed out.
- **3 recent biometric passport photos**, with white background, not older than 6 months (please note the instructions at www.kairo.diplo.de)
- Detailed **business plan**, including detailed information about
 - **business concept**
 - **capital requirement plan**
 - **financing plan**
 - **marketing strategy**
 - **revenue forecast** for at least 3 years
 - details about the **number of jobs** to be created and, if applicable, training positions
 - if applicable, details about research and innovation within the company
- If the company already exists in Germany: articles of association (“**Gesellschaftervertrag**”) and excerpt from the Commercial Register (“**Handelsregisterauszug**”), otherwise: business registration and draft of the articles of association
- Proof of currently **available financial means**
- Evidence of **professional qualifications and previous professional employments**
- if applicable: **Lease agreement for the rental of business premises**
- **Curriculum vitae** (signed).
- If already possible: **Proof of accommodation** during the intended period of stay in Germany (e.g. rental agreement)
- **Proof of health insurance** valid from the date of arrival and for the duration of the intended stay in Germany (German Statutory [“gesetzliche Krankenversicherung”] or Private Health Insurance). During the visa process a letter of the insurance company is accepted, confirming that sufficient coverage will be guaranteed in case the visa will be granted.
- Applicants who are **45 years** old or older: **Adequate pension plan**. The following applies to applications in 2022:

Perspectively, at the age of 67, you must have either a monthly pension of 1,340.47 euros (for at least 12 years) or an asset amount of 195,104.00 Euros.
- The visa fee is 75 €, payable in cash in Egyptian Pound at current exchange rate

General Instructions for submitting the application:

- You need to prepare two full copies of the complete application documents, sorted into 2 separate bundles. The bundle of originals must be presented at the time of application and will be returned. Please note regarding the copy bundles:
 - The application form must be original and signed in both stacks.
 - One original passport photograph must be placed in each of the two application stacks. (do not stick or staple them on)
 - The passport copy must comprise all pages that are not empty.
- Applicants are asked to **compile all documents in the above order** and to **remove all staples** from the copy stacks.
- All documents have to be submitted in German or English or to be accompanied by a translation, done by a translating office certified by the Embassy. A translation of school diplomas issued in English is not required.
- All Egyptian official documents **have to be submitted translated and legalized**. Please find information for the legalization at our website:
http://www.kairo.diplo.de/Vertretung/kairo/de/04/Konsularhilfe/seite_legalisation.html
- The Embassy reserves its right to suspend, in certain cases, the issuance of the visa until additional documents are submitted.

Important information regarding the visa process:

- The German Embassy in Cairo only processes visa applications of people **residing in Egypt**, Libya, Syria and Yemen.
- Each applicant must **come in person to the embassy** in order to proceed to the biometric data capture. Personal appearance is mandatory including children.
- The approval of the immigration authorities at the intended place of residence is required for the issuing of the visa.
- **The processing time takes at least 4 months.** The embassy may only issue the requested visa once it has received the necessary approval from the German authorities. The embassy cannot influence the processing time or the decision of these authorities. Applicants will be contacted immediately after their application has been processed.
- **Further information can be found on the homepage of the German Embassy in Cairo** (www.kairo.diplo.de) and on the [internet page of the city of Berlin](#).