

Market Framework on Germany

Amway Business Owners may establish a second business in Germany. The most common forms of businesses are: Sole Proprietorship and Partnership.

		Description	Supporting documentation	Official contact information. (eg. Website, phone #, email address, etc)	Potential costs/Fees associated	Potential timeframe	Obtained by authorized agent allowed? (Y/N)
Legal Requirement	Citizenship Requirement	No					
	Residency Requirement	Any foreign citizen residing and working in Germany (except for EU citizens) must obtain a Residence Permit. The standard Residence Permit does not allow trade and business activities, therefore, the foreigner must apply for a Residence Permit that allows such activities. This activity should be limited to a specific type of business.		The German Consulate in your country of Residence			
	Local Address	required					
	Visa Requirement						
	Business Requirement (ie. Tax implications)	1. a Work Permit 2. The Work Permit is not necessary if they have an unlimited Residence Permit or a Residence authorization 3. Trade Office. Application form needed. 4. Commercial Register 5. Chamber of Trade and Industry 6. Tax Registration		5. local Chamber of Trade and Industry.	4. fee depends on the value of the business. 6. no fee required		
	Local bank account	required					
Business Entity	Who can be a distributor? (are corporations accepted?)						
	Minimum Age requirement	18 and older					
	Restriction on # of applicants	2 people					
	Who can register as a partner/applicant? (eg. Spouse, children, relatives)	spouse, children, parents, relatives, friends					
	Registrants prohibited (eg. Student, government worker.)	no restriction					
	Is an ABO able to register their Amway Business as a legal entity?	T&C is silent. Legal entity is explicitly allowed in art. 3.15 of ROC (Amway requires further documentation for this request) No Trusts.					
Does Contract explicitly allow transfer of assets to trust, legal entity, etc.	No (silent). Business can be transferred as a whole.						
Amway Requirement	Amway business Requirement ((eg. Must be at certain PV level of percentage level to earn a bonus)	none					
	Amway Limitations (eg. Frequency of visiting the market. Business advice from the market. Etc)						
	Registration Fee Requirement	purchase a starter kit					
	Renewal Requirement	annual renewal, January 1 - December 31					
	Do you allow the sale of a distributorship?	yes					
Reference Materials	Cultural differences						
	Unique market characteristics (eg. Some products are not sold in this market.)						
Do you provide any additional support from your market? What is it?							