

International Office / Akademisches Auslandsamt

Information sheet: Temporary residence permit for employment

In case you already have a job offer from a company in Germany (§18 Para. 2 No. 1), you need to apply for a **residence permit for skilled workers holding a university degree** (§18b) or for the **EU Blue Card** (§18g AufenthG). The EU Blue Card is a special residence title for foreign academics and people with comparable qualifications who want to take up qualified employment in Germany.

Skilled workers holding a university degree: §18b AufenthG

Skilled workers holding a university degree may be granted a temporary residence permit to perform skilled work for which their training qualifies them.

The following requirements must be met:

- Successful completion of university degree
- If applicable, recognition of foreign university degree that is comparable to a German university degree
- Employment contract or concrete job offer

EU Blue Card: §18g AufenthG

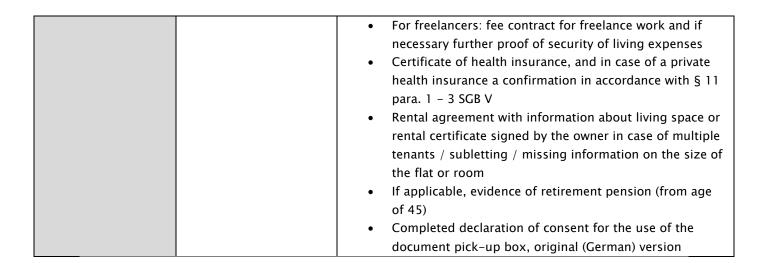
The following requirements must be met for the EU Blue Card to be issued:

- German university degree /
 Recognition of a foreign degree that is comparable to a German degree (please check yourself in the <u>Anabin</u> database or by <u>statement of comparability</u> by the ZaB)
 Tertiary-level qualification that took at least three years to complete, corresponding to at least level 6 of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 2011) or level 6 of the European Qualifications Framework (Para. 1)
- Specific job offer from a company in Germany (Para. 3) that meets the conditions:
 - Period of employment of at least six months (Para. 3)
 - Job must match your qualification (degree or license to practice) (Para. 1)
 - Gross annual salary of your job in Germany of at least €45,300 (as of 2024)
 (Abs. 7), if you are employed in a bottleneck profession, you can also obtain an EU Blue Card with a lower gross annual salary of at least €41,041.80 in 2024

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Reason for stay:	What you are applying	Required documents:
	for:	
Employment	Issuing / extension of residence permit	 Completed application form (issue of residence permit or change of condition) Valid passport with visa or residence permit Current biometric photo Evidence of successful completion of university degree / vocational qualification Proof of wage/salary for the last 3 months (for extensions) Job offer or contract of employment with job description Declaration of employment filled out by the employer Certificate of health insurance, and in case of a private health insurance a confirmation in accordance with § 11 para. 1 - 3 SGB V Rental agreement with information about living space or rental certificate signed by the owner in case of multiple tenants / subletting / missing information on the size of the flat or room Completed declaration of consent for the use of the document pick-up box, original (German) version
EU Blue Card	Issuing / extension of residence permit	 Fees: 93,00€ to 113,00€ (incl. fiction 13,00€) Completed application form Valid passport with visa or residence permit Current biometric photo Evidence of successful completion of university degree / vocational qualification Proof of wage/salary for the last 3 months (for extensions) Job offer or contract of employment with job description, if applicable professional license Declaration of employment filled out by the employer Gross annual salary (see lower salary limit) Certificate of health insurance, and in case of a private health insurance a confirmation in accordance with § 11 para. 1 - 3 SGB V Rental agreement with information about living space or rental certificate signed by the owner in case of multiple tenants / subletting / missing information on the size of the flat or room Completed declaration of consent for the use of the document pick-up box, original (German) version Fees: 93,00€ to 113,00€ (incl. fiction 13,00€)
Self-employment	Issuing / extension of residence permit	 Completed application form (issue of residence permit or change of condition) Valid passport with visa or residence permit Current biometric photo Evidence of vocational qualification Concept, business idea, business registration/excerpt from the trade register

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Note: This overview only provides assistance relating to regular cases and cannot replace individual case-related advice. Furthermore, the Foreigners' Office reserves the right to request the submission of additional documents in order to check the entitlement to a residence title.

Applications for a residence permit for the purpose of <u>working</u> as a skilled worker (with vocational or academic training) or for the <u>EU Blue Card</u> are made exclusively through <u>online applications</u>. These can be found on the website of the Magdeburg Foreigners' Office.

Please apply for a permit for self-employment by e-mail to <u>Erwerbstaetigkeit@ewo.magdeburg.de</u> and submit all required documents in PDF format no larger than 1,000 GB.

The signed declaration of consent to use the document pick-up box must be submitted by post in original (German version).

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