

## 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 **visa 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:

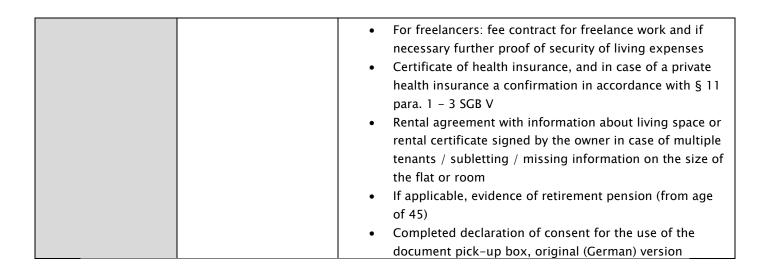
- Successful completion of university degree
- If applicable, recognition of foreign university degree that is comparable to a German university degree
- Employment contract or concrete job offer

## 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 in the Anabin database: <a href="https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html">https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html</a> or by statement of comparability by the ZaB: <a href="https://zab.kmk.org/en/statement-comparability">https://zab.kmk.org/en/statement-comparability</a>)
   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 (Bottleneck professions: <a href="https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/fileadmin/1\_Rebrush\_2022/a\_Fachkraefte/PDF-Dateien/3\_Visum\_u\_Aufenthalt/2024\_Mangelberufe\_EN.pdf">https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/fileadmin/1\_Rebrush\_2022/a\_Fachkraefte/PDF-Dateien/3\_Visum\_u\_Aufenthalt/2024\_Mangelberufe\_EN.pdf</a>)

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



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.

Please apply for a work permit or for the EU Blue Card 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 data protection information of the document pick-up box must be submitted complete and signed in original (German version).

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