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## 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: <https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html> or by statement of comparability by the ZaB: <https://zab.kmk.org/en/statement-comparability>)  
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: [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) )

Reason for stay:	What you are applying for:	Required documents:
<b>Employment</b>	Issuing / extension of residence permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>• Fees: 93,00€ to 113,00€ (incl. fiction 13,00€)</li> </ul>
<b>EU Blue Card</b>	Issuing / extension of residence permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>Self-employment</b>	Issuing / extension of residence permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For freelancers: fee contract for freelance work and if necessary further proof of security of living expenses</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>• If applicable, evidence of retirement pension (from age of 45)</li> <li>• Completed declaration of consent for the use of the document pick-up box, original (German) version</li> </ul>
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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.

**Please apply for a work permit or for the EU Blue Card by e-mail to [erwerbstaetigkeit@ewo.magdeburg.de](mailto:erwerbstaetigkeit@ewo.magdeburg.de) 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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