



## Blue Card

### Visa for skilled workers holding a university degree

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As a skilled worker with a university degree recognized in Germany, you will be issued with an EU Blue Card if the employment you want to take up matches with your professional qualifications and you can present a contract of employment certifying a certain gross annual salary.

Further information on the EU Blue Card conditions can be found on the website of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees at [www.bamf.de](http://www.bamf.de) and on the official website from the Federal Government for qualified professionals [make it in Germany](http://make-it-in-germany.de).

The application for the blue card is only possible online through the Consular Services Portal. Your application will then be checked for completeness. Communication regarding any additional information needed will be done directly through the Consular Services Portal. An appointment can only be booked afterwards.

Apply now online [here](#) and upload the following documents:

- Personally signed **passport** with at least two completely empty pages and sufficient validity
- Valid **residence permit** for Switzerland or Liechtenstein
- Completed **application form** (to be completed online on the Consular Service Portal)
- Signed information as per § 18 (2) no. 4 and § 82 (1) sentence 6 residence act
- One passport sized **photo** – no older than three months, according to biometric standards
- [\*\*declaration of employment\*\*](#) to be completed by your employer in Germany
- **Job description**
- Original **German university degree or recognized foreign university** degree and printouts from [\*\*Anabin data base\*\*](#) - the educational qualification needs to be listed as equivalent or comparable and the university need to be rated with H+

Or

- Statement of comparability for foreign higher education qualifications, issued by the central office for foreign education ([\*\*ZAB\*\*](#)) in original
- Detailed **curriculum vitae** in German or English language
- Postage expenses of 7 Swiss Francs
- Visa fee of 75 Euro payable by cash in Swiss Francs, by Visa or MasterCard (information [here](#))

The German Embassy Bern reserve the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the processing of your application.



Appointment scheduling for the blue card is possible after your documents have been reviewed. You will then receive a link for booking an appointment. The application can only be submitted in person at your previously booked appointment at the visa section of the embassy (Willadingweg 78, 3006 Bern).

At your appointment, please present all original documents and your [biometric photos](#).

In this visa category, most applications are typically processed within 2 weeks. The processing time can be longer in special cases. Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa department and cannot be answered. We will contact you by email as soon as the decision has been made.

The visa will be valid for 12 month and allows you to start working. You can travel in the entire Schengen area for 90 days per half year.

The preparation of visa applications for your family members is governed by the information sheet on family reunification. The application documents must be uploaded for each family member and an appointment must be made for each person when requested.

**Please note:** Although the information in this information sheet has been prepared with utmost care, we cannot accept any responsibility for inaccuracies contained herein.