

Visa for EU Blue Card

Foreign nationals with a **recognised university degree** are eligible for simplified access procedures to the German labour market under the EU Blue Card system. **The job must correspond to the academic qualification.** The annual gross salary paid in Germany must be at least 55,200 Euros. Approval from the Federal Employment Agency (BA) is not required. Specialists in the fields of mathematics, IT, life sciences and engineering as well as doctors may obtain a visa for an EU Blue Card if they earn the same amount as comparable German workers, but no less than 43,056 Euros gross salary per year. In these cases, approval from the BA is required. General information on labour immigration for qualified professionals is available at www.make-it-in-germany.com/en.

Before filling-in the application form and booking your visa interview appointment **please prepare all of the following documentation: (Use this as your personal checklist!)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	valid passport (issued within the past 10 years and signed personally, with at least 2 empty pages) - <i>in original</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	fully filled-in and signed application form - <i>2 copies</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	copy of the data page of your passport - <i>2 copies</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 current, identical and biometric passport-pictures (not older than 3 months)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>for non-Taiwanese: ARC/APRC</i> - <i>in original plus 2 copies</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Vitae (in German or English) with full information on your formal education, certificates/diplomas/academic degrees awarded to you, professional work experience, foreign language skills etc. – <i>2 copies</i> <i>If available, submit also proof of previous employment, foreign language skills etc.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	signed work contract/detailed binding job offer from a company in Germany (in German or English) including information on: <i>in original plus 2 copies:</i> - gross annual salary (at least 55,200 Euros / 43,056 Euros) - job title/position and designated tasks (if available, include original job listing) <i>Important: Your job/position must correspond to your academic qualification.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of your academic qualifications - <i>in original plus 2 copies:</i> <i>German university degree or recognised foreign university degree or foreign university degree confirmed as comparable to a German university degree</i> <i>Please read also the information on page 2 about this issue.</i> If your degree was <u>not</u> awarded by a university in Germany you must also submit: ➤ <i>2 copies</i> of the <i>listings in the “anabin database”</i> confirming <i>your university, your type of degree, and your field of study</i> as being recognized/comparable <u>or</u> <i>2 copies</i> of the <i>“Statement of Comparability” (Zeugnisbewertung)</i> from the ZAB office reevaluating your foreign university degree as comparable
<input type="checkbox"/>	a letter of motivation (in German or English) - <i>2 copies</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	on request , after your visa is approved and shortly before the visa will be issued: - intended date of entry - Proof of health-insurance for Germany

Please prepare **two complete sets** of the above mentioned documentation and also bring along the **originals**. **Please do not staple any documents!**

In case a document cannot be presented in **English or German**, a translation has to be enclosed.

Please make sure to submit all documents listed above as **we cannot process incomplete applications**. Each visa application will be checked individually. You may be required to provide additional documents and/or information at any stage of the processing. Incomplete documents/information may result in rejection of the application. Submitting all documents and information does not, however, guarantee that your visa application will be approved.

The **visa processing fee** is 75,- Euros payable in NTD at the time of your visa interview. After receiving an application, we cannot refund any visa processing fees irrespective of the decision taken on your visa application.

The **processing time** for a complete visa application for EU Blue Card is usually about one week. In individual cases, e.g. in case of a relevant previous long-term stay in Germany the processing may take longer as additional processing steps may be necessary. Please refrain from status enquiries, they do not help your case in any way. We will promptly inform you when a decision on your visa application has been made.

Only after receiving your visa for EU Blue Card you can move to Germany and are allowed to start working in your new job immediately. After arrival in Germany you must register with the local registry office (Einwohnermeldeamt) first and then the Immigration Office (Ausländerbehörde) to apply your EU Blue Card.

To check if your **foreign university degree** is recognized in Germany or confirmed as comparable to a German university degree please consult the official **anabin database** that documents information on foreign universities and degrees: <http://anabin.kmk.org/>
Important: Your degree is only confirmed as recognized or comparable if **all of the following three elements** are positively confirmed in the applicable country listing of *anabin*:

1. The **foreign university** that conferred your degree must be rated as „H+“, and
2. the **type of degree** (*Abschlusstyp*) (e.g. Bachelor of Arts/Science) **must match** your degree and
3. the information on the **field of study** (*Studienrichtung*) (e.g. Business Administration) for the listed type of degree **must match** your individual degree.

In case your university is rated with an “H+” in *anabin* but your type of degree or exact field of study is not listed there, you can apply for an *individual evaluation* of your foreign degree at the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) located in Bonn. This evaluation is called the *Statement of Comparability* and it is an official document which states the obtained qualifications. It can be used in applications for jobs in Germany or when applying for a visa. Information concerning the evaluation procedure, including a list of required documents and costs, can be found here:

<https://www.kmk.org/zab/central-office-for-foreign-education/statement-of-comparability-for-foreign-higher-education-qualifications.html>

Disclaimer: Although the information in this leaflet has been prepared with utmost care, we cannot accept any responsibility for inaccuracies contained herein. The applicable laws and regulations may change at any time.