

# Apply online for a Blue Card (EU) visa

## The Blue Card (EU) at a glance

The Blue Card (EU) is a residence title that can be issued by a member state of the European Union. This card allows third-country nationals with a university or tertiary degree or IT professional experience to take up gainful employment in an EU member state – provided that the relevant requirements are met.

You apply for the Blue Card (EU) for employment in Germany at the local foreigners authority in Germany. For this purpose, you need an entry visa in advance. You can apply for online in the foreign portal or on site at your competent foreign representation. If you meet all the requirements, you will receive the purpose of entry that entitles you to receive the residence title Blue Card (EU).

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To apply for the Blue Card (EU) visa online, select the tile that matches your qualification using the circular radio button.



## Blue Card for professionals with university degree

### To apply for the Blue Card (EU) you need

- ✓ a university degree recognized or comparable in Germany,
- ✓ a contract of employment in Germany appropriate to your qualifications and
- ✓ a minimum annual gross salary of 45,300 euros and in MINT and health professions of 41,041.80 euros (as of 2024). An explanation of these occupational fields can be found below.

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## Blue Card for skilled workers with higher education profession

- ✓ a minimum annual gross salary of 45,300 euros and in MINT and health professions of 41,041.80 euros (as of 2024). An explanation of these occupational fields can be found below.

### To apply for the Blue Card (EU) you need

- ✓ proof of at least three years' professional experience in the IT field acquired in the last seven years,
- ✓ a contract of employment in the field of information and communications technology and
- ✓ a minimum annual gross salary of 41,041.80 euros (as of 2024).

## Blue Card for IT specialists

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41,041.80 euros per month. In this case, your employment must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency (BA).

If you would like to work in a regulated profession, for example in the field of medicine or law, a professional practice permit is mandatory. The Federal Government's information on the recognition of foreign professional qualifications - [Anerkennung in Deutschland](#) - will tell you whether your profession is regulated and if you can obtain a professional practice permit.



It is also important to know on how you can have your tertiary education recognized if you did not complete it in Germany. Your tertiary education must be at least at level 5 of the [International Standard Classification of Education \(ISCED 2011\)](#) or level 6 of the European Qualifications Framework. A certificate of recognition is required on your written notice of recognition.

You do not need a visa to enter Germany for the Blue Card (EU)? You may be eligible for a [visa to take up employment as an academic](#) or a [visa to take up employment as a specialist with professional training](#).

## Still have questions?

Frequently asked questions with more information on how to use the Consular Services Portal and the online application process can be found in our FAQ section. Please check if you can find the answer to your question.

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