



## Information Sheet 30: EU Blue Card

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Germany is very interested in attracting qualified professionals to come to our country. **The EU Blue Card allows foreigners with a university degree to take up employment in Germany commensurate with their qualifications.**

**Please ensure that you also read Information Sheet 20. In order to apply for an EU Blue Card visa please submit originals and two copies of the following documents.** Please use this information sheet as a checklist .

- Two fully completed and signed application forms, filled out in German
- One personally signed statement in accordance with section 54 (2) number 8 of the Residence Act.
- A valid passport (see Information Sheet 20)
- Two passport photos (see Information Sheet 20)
- Curriculum vitae of professional career, accompanied by the certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained
- German university degree or recognised foreign degree or a foreign degree comparable to a German degree

You can check whether your foreign university degree is recognised or comparable to a German degree by consulting the ANABIN database: <http://anabin.kmk.org> (only in German). Please attach a printout of the results of your enquiry.

For doctors a licence to practise medicine in Germany serves as confirmation of the equivalence of their foreign university degree.

- A concrete job offer (e.g. an employment contract) including details of gross annual salary

The job must be relevant to the qualifications, i.e. the skills acquired through the university degree must be at least partly or indirectly required for the job (e.g. a doctor employed in a pharmaceutical company).

In order to obtain an EU Blue Card a gross annual salary of at least 50,800 euros is required. For occupations where there is a shortage of professionals, such as scientists, mathematicians, engineers, doctors or IT experts, a gross annual salary of at least 39,624 euros is required. The amounts – here for 2017 – are newly set every year.

- Only if required for the job: written permission to exercise the profession or confirmation that this permission will be issued (e.g. doctors licence in accordance with section 10 of the Federal Regulation on Doctors).
- Travel health insurance which covers the time between entry to the country and the start of employment (see Information Sheet 20). Proof of the above must be presented at the latest before the visa is issued to the applicant.

N.B.

Your spouse can receive a residence permit which allows for employment or self-employed activity without requiring knowledge of the German language. Upon first issuance, the EU Blue Card is valid for a maximum period of four years. Under certain conditions, however, it can be possible to obtain an (unlimited) settlement permit after two to three years (see section 19a (6) of the Residence Act).

You will find general information on the EU Blue Card online at [www.bamf.de](http://www.bamf.de) as well as on the portal for foreign professionals: [www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com).