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EU Blue Card

1. General Information

The EU Blue Card allows third-country nationals with a university degree to take up employment in Germany commensurate with their qualifications.

The EU Blue Card, like all longer-term residence permits, is issued exclusively by the relevant alien authority in Germany. At the German Embassy you apply for the national visa which is required in advance to enter German territory.

General information on the EU Blue Card is available in portal for qualified professionals www.make-it-in-germany.com.

Please note that your visa application must be made in person and will be accepted only if all required documents are submitted according to our regulations.

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by 1 copy. Printout of a PDF file is not considered original. Physical document with the original signatures of both parties and/or electronically signed document with certification are considered originals.

Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German or English.

Appointments can be booked online here: www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

2. Fees

The fee for processing the visa application is € 75,00. This amount has to be paid in cash or via credit card. This is a processing fee. Thus, a refund in case of withdrawal of the application or up-on denial is not possible.

3. Process

Processing visa usually takes a week. As soon as a decision has been made, the applicant is immediately contacted by the embassy. Applicants are kindly asked not to make any enquiries about the current status of their visa application.

4. Required documents

Please make sure that you provide a complete application form and all additional documents required. Incomplete applications will not be considered!

Please sort the documents according in the following order:

- 1 filled-in and signed visa application form:
<https://videx-national.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/#/videx-langfristiger-aufenthalt>
- 1 recent passport photo (45x35 mm)
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed at least 6 months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago), + 1 copy of **all pages with records**
- your Estonian residence permit or visa, held for at least 3 months at the time of application and for additional 2 months after your entry to Germany, + 1 copy
- your current resident registration card/document from Estonian authority
- your employment agreement, + 1 copy
- additional form of employment declaration “Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis”, filled-in and signed by your employer, + 1 copy: https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/datei/erklaerung-zum-beschaefligungsverhaeltnis_ba047549.pdf
- travel health insurance covering the time period from your entry to Germany until the beginning of your employment (minimum coverage: 30.000 euros)
- health insurance valid in Germany
- your Curriculum Vitae with details about your professional career
- Your university degree / recognized foreign degree comparable to a German degree (in relation to German degrees an apostille is not required; in relation to degrees of CIS-states an apostille is always required, in the case you have a degree from another third country please contact the embassy for information if an apostille is necessary), + 1 copy
- evidence regarding comparability of your university degree – you can check whether your foreign university degree is recognized or comparable by consulting the ANABIN database (<http://anabin.kmk.org/>); two extracts have to be provided – one extract regarding your university that has to be rated “H+” and one extract regarding your specific university degree that has to be recognized as equal or comparable (2 copies)

Additional information about ANABIN:

If your specific degree or your university are not listed in ANABIN or your university is not rated “H+”, your degree is not recognized as equal or comparable. You have the possibility to initiate the inclusion of your degree / your university in ANABIN by performing a degree valuation process at the “Zentralstelle für Bildungswesen (ZAB)”. More information: <https://zab.kmk.org/en/statement-comparability>

In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents. This fact sheet is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete.