

National Visa for 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 from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees website at <http://www.bamf.de> and from the 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.

Appointments can be booked online (free of charge) here www.tallinn.diplo.de/Terminvergabe

Each submitted document in original has to be accompanied by two copies. Documents in foreign languages have to be provided with a certified translation into German.

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

For the case a positive decision is taken on your visa application the visa can only be handed over to you if an evidence for an existing travel medical insurance is provided. This insurance has to cover the time period from your entry to Germany until the beginning of your employment. This does not apply if an evidence of a travel medical insurance already has been provided.

4. Required documents

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

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- 2** application forms (and declaration in accordance with section 54 (2) No. 8 i.V.m. § 53 of the Residence Act) <https://tallinn.diplo.de/>
- 2** recent biometric passport photographs (45x35 mm)
- your national passport (validity of which has to exceed at least six months; issued not earlier than 10 years ago) (original + 2 copies of all pages with records)
- Estonian residency permit (e.g. visa / residence card), held for at least 3 months at the time of application and at least held for additional 2 months after your entry to Germany (original +2 copies)
- current resident registration card/document from Estonian authority (2 copies)
- employment contract / binding job offer with information regarding your gross annual salary (2 copies)
- Additional form for Employment “Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis”, plus one copy - only in German. To be filled out by the employer (<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/de/unternehmen/gezielt-rekrutieren/einreise-beschaeftigung-regeln/arbeitsmarktzugang/>)
- if necessary for the employment proof of knowledge of the German language, otherwise proof that understanding of the other language in question is sufficient (2 copies)
- if possible, proof of accommodation in Germany (e.g. tenancy agreement) (2 copies)
- health insurance valid in Germany covering the time period from your entry to Germany until the beginning of your employment (minimum coverage: 30.000 euros) (2 copies)
- Curriculum vitae with details regarding professional career and with the relevant certificates, diploma etc. (2 copies)
- German university degree or 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) (original + 2 copies)
- 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:

Your university degree is not necessarily to be found under your university. It is sufficient if your degree can be found under an “H+” rated university in the state in which your degree has been obtained. 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 the following applies: 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 at www.kmk.org/zab.html).

In individual cases it may be necessary to provide additional documents.

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