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1.

YOU HAVE A JOB OFFER FROM A GERMAN COMPANY

Blue Card (Nov 2023 updated)

The "Blue Card" is an approved EU-wide work permit allowing highly-skilled non-EU citizens to work and live in Germany. To be eligible, one typically needs to have a **university degree** and a **job offer** with a certain minimum salary **43.800 Euro**.

Exceptions are made for:

Bottleneck Professions,
Professionals starting their Careers,
IT Specialists,

they need a minimum salary of **39.683 Euro** and IT specialists can provide proof a three years professional experience instead of a university degree.

The Blue Card offers several benefits, including the possibility of family reunification and the prospect of permanent residency after a certain period.



YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BLUE CARD?

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Blue Card (March 2024 update)

IT Specialists:

Reducing the required professional experience to two years (from three).

Language skills are no longer required for visa purposes.

For all Blue Card Holders:

EU Blue Card holders will be able to obtain a settlement permit even more quickly.

It will be possible to obtain a settlement permit after 27 months of employment. With sufficient knowledge of German (level B1), this period will be reduced to 21 months.

**YOU HAVE A
JOB OFFER
FROM A
GERMAN
COMPANY**

**Work Visa
for qualified Professionals
(Nov 2023 updated)**

Your qualifications must be either recognised in Germany or comparable to those from a German higher education institution. If you are seeking employment in a regulated profession, i.e. health professions, a professional practice permit is required.

You need a Approval for employment by the Federal Employment

Are you over 45 years old and coming to Germany for the first time for employment purposes? If so, your gross annual salary for the position you intend on taking must be at least €48,180 (as of 2023), or you must provide proof of adequate old age pension provisions

YOU ARE IN A SPECIAL CATEGORY?

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Work Visa Special Regulations

(a) for professional athletes and coaches - following conditions:

- min. 16 years of age
- work at a German sports club or similar sporting institution. This institution must participate in competitive sport;
- salary of 43.800 Euro (2023)
- national governing body of the sport has confirmed

(b) for esports professionals

(c) for professional drivers

(d) for artists

(e) for language teachers

(f) for freelancer: quite challenging to obtain. For it, you not only need to demonstrate your qualifications (education in the field of activity) but also contracts for projects from German companies.

YOU COME FROM THESE COUNTRIES?

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Working Holiday Visa

You come from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Uruguay. These programs offer cultural immersion and up to 12-month stays for individuals aged 18 to 30. Participants can take on holiday jobs to support their stay.

Youth Mobility Program (YMP)

You are from Canada? That allows individuals aged 18 to 35 to work, travel, and experience each other's culture for up to 12 months. Eligible participants include tourists seeking work, students with internships, young professionals, and Canadian students. Maximum participation is twice, and the residence permit can be obtained in Germany or at a German diplomatic mission.



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Opportunity Card (June 2024 update)

A new "Opportunity Card" will be introduced for jobseekers wanting to stay in Germany. Fully recognized skilled workers from third countries can get this card directly. Others need recognized foreign qualifications and basic German (A1 CEFR) or English skills (B2 CEFR). Points are given based on factors like qualifications, language proficiency, and ties to Germany. A minimum of six points is needed. The card lasts one year and permits limited work. It can be extended for two more years if conditions are met.



2.

VISA FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PURPOSES

Visa for Studying

If you're interested in studying in Germany, the country offers numerous attractive opportunities with many international study programs and low fees. You can obtain a student visa, which also covers preparatory measures like language courses or attending a Studienkolleg. The student residence permit lasts at least a year and can be extended. While studying, you can work up to 120 full days or 240 half days annually. After graduation, you can stay in Germany to look for a job for up to 18 months. If you work for two years post-graduation, you can apply for a permanent residence permit. If you have a student visa from another EU state and wish to study part of your program in Germany, there are specific mobility measures.

Usefull tools and informations you can find on:

www.uni-assist.de

**WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
COMPLETE A
VOCATIONAL
TRAINING IN
GERMANY**

OR

**STUDY-
RELATED
INTERNSHIP?**

Visa for Vocational Training

In Germany, "Ausbildung" refers to vocational training, to specialized secondary education. For a vocational training place, you can search for "Ausbildungsplätze" online. However, most of these websites are in German, and having knowledge of the German language is often necessary. A B2 level is typically required.

Visa for a study-related Internship

You are studying outside the EU and would like to gain work experience in Germany, then the visa for a study-related internship EU is for you. A visa or residence permit to complete an academic internship shall be issued for the duration of the internship and for a maximum of six months. You may not obtain employment during this time.



3.

VISA FOR RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications

1) You are an **EU citizen**, have settled in Germany and now want to bring your **spouse** over (**none EU-Citizen**)

The spouse requires must apply for a visa at the German Embassy or a German Consulate in their country.

Generally you need to provide your passport and a wedding certificate or proof of a registered or civil partnership. Ask the German Embassy responsible what other documents need to be submitted.

Spouses arriving in Germany must register their new address at the Residents Registration Office and then apply in person for a temporary residence permit for spouses joining their partners. Once a residence title has been granted, your spouse is immediately entitled to take up any kind of employment in Germany.

VISA FOR RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

Visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications

After entering Germany, a residence permit for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications or for completing qualification programmes shall be issued for up to 18 months. In individual cases, this visa can be extended for up to six months.

Working while completing your qualification program is an option, if you would like to do so. You may work alongside a qualification programme for up to ten hours per week. If the job is connected to the professional field for which you are striving to obtain professional qualifications and you've received an actual job offer to start at a later date, this job can be performed without any time restrictions. In such cases, approval from the Federal Employment Agency is required.



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Visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications (March 2024 update Part. 1).

Entry and employment under a recognition partnership:

It is possible for applicants to obtain a residence title for qualified employment and to complete the necessary recognition procedure after entering the country. In contrast to the previous options for undertaking qualification measures, it will not be necessary to initiate a recognition procedure or to have a notice of partial recognition prior to entry. The granting of a visa will be linked to the obligation of the prospective skilled worker and the employer to apply for recognition after entry and to actively pursue the procedure. Reference for Languages



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Visa for the recognition of foreign qualifications (March 2024 update Part. 2).

Entry for the purpose of undergoing a skills analysis:

Individuals seeking recognition who, in the opinion of the competent authority, should undergo a skills analysis in Germany to determine the equivalence of their foreign qualifications, may be granted a residence permit for up to six months for this purpose. One of the requirements is that they can prove their German language skills. As a rule, German language skills at level A2 or better are required.

4.

VISA FOR JOB SEARCH

**DO YOU NEED
HELP WITH AN
APPLICATION
OR WANT TO
KNOW WHERE
YOU CAN FIND
A SUITABLE
JOB IN
GERMANY?**

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Job Seeking Visa

A job seeker visa allows individuals to stay in a country for a specific period to seek employment. In the context of Germany, for example, it permits skilled non-EU nationals to come to Germany and search for a job. Holders cannot work under this visa, but after finding suitable employment, they can switch to a work visa. Proof of qualifications and financial self-sustainability are typically required.

The residence permit for jobseekers cannot be extended. The visa or the residence permit for jobseekers can be issued for a period of up to six months.

For checking your degree please use the anabin database:

www.anabin.kmk.org

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VISA FOR FAMILY REUNION



Visa for Family Reunion (Opt. 1)

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VISA FOR FAMILY REUNION

Visa for Family Reunion (Opt. 2).

2) You are an **none EU citizen**, have settled in Germany and now want to bring your **spouse** over (**none EU-Citizen**)

The spouse requires must apply for a visa at the German Embassy or a German Consulate in their country.

The following conditions must be met:

(a) You hold a residence or settlement permit, or an EU Blue Card for Germany.

(b) You've secured suitable housing for your family.

(c) You have adequate health insurance and financial means to support your family.

(d) Your spouse is at least 18 years old

PRIVILEGED FAMILY REUNION

Family Reunion for Blue Card EU Holder

Blue Card holders who have already lived in another EU Member State with their family will be entitled to privileged family reunification. If these family members require a visa due to their nationality, they will be entitled to enter and reside in Germany as family members of an EU Blue Card holder with the residence permit issued in the previous Member State without having to undergo a visa procedure beforehand. When a residence permit is issued in Germany, the requirements of sufficient living space and the requirement to secure one's livelihood will not be proved.

VISA FOR FAMILY REUNION FOR CHILDREN

Visa for Family Reunion for Children

Your **children** is a **none EU citizen**, they will generally need a visa to enter Germany. If you and your spouse hold temporary resident permits for Germany, your children under 16 years of age will also receive a temporary resident permit in order for them to join you. If you are a single parent you will need to obtain the consent of the other parent entitled to custody.

To obtain a visa to join you, your children must also meet the following criteria:

- They must not be married, divorced or widowed
- They must be under 18 years of age.



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Visa for family Reunion (March 2024 update)

Family reunification for skilled workers: Spouses or minor children moving to Germany to join certain skilled workers will no longer be required to provide proof of sufficient living space. In addition, these skilled workers will also be able to bring their parents and – if the spouse is also a permanent resident of Germany – their parents-in-law to join them if they receive their residence permit for the first time on or after first of March 2024.

VISA FOR FIANCÉ

Visa for Fiancé

Fiancé Visa in Germany is a visa that allows the fiancé(e) of a German resident or citizen to enter Germany for the purpose of getting married. Once the marriage takes place, the individual can then apply for a residence permit. The primary requirements for this visa include:

(a) Proof of a genuine intention to marry within a short period after arrival in Germany.

(b) Both partners must be of legal age (usually 18 years or older).

(c) The German partner must have a stable income to support the incoming fiancé(e).

(d) Proof of a genuine relationship or prior meetings, usually supported by correspondence, photos, or travel records.

It's essential to check with the local German embassy or consulate for specific requirements and exceptions for example for the language skills.



6.

VISA FOR VOLUNTEERING

Visa for Volunteers FSJ/BFD

Duration is a min. of 6 and a max. of 24 months. The standard practice is 12 months. There's also an intermediate option of 18 months.

FSJ - apply with up to the age of 26.
BFD - there's no age limit.

The main areas for volunteering:
Medicine caring for the sick/elderly, assisting in hospitals; **Education** - assisting in schools, orphanages, church, and social institutions; **Office tasks** - mainly in church and social institutions; **Household and organizational tasks** - in churches, hospitals and cultural events.

This is a good opportunity to get acquainted with Germany and improve your German. You can find a position with basic knowledge of German - A1/A2. However, the better your language skills, the more chances you have.

VISA FOR VOLUNTEERING

Visa for Au-Pair

It's a job within a family. It involves child care and a little help around the household while living with the family. You are provided with pocket money and a language course for a few hours a week.

- Age from 18 to 27 years (in many other countries up to 25)
- Preferred German level is A1- A2
- Experience working with children and a love for them
- Willingness to live in Germany for 6 to 12 months

For relocation, you can either use the services of an agency or find a host family on your own. Usefull links:

www.aupairworld.com

or

www.aupair.com



We've done our best to provide you with an overview of the possibilities for relocating to Germany. If you're unsure about which visa is the best fit for you or which one is easiest to obtain, please let us know.

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