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VISA FOR ENTRY AND STAY FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS (Blue Card EU)

Basic information

- You must submit your visa application for a Blue Card EU in the visa application center of our external service provider **TLScontakt**. You need to book an appointment on the [TLS internet page](#) before.
- Documents which are not in German or English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- **Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in original with legalization.** Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed. You must legalize your university degrees and diplomas **before** you submit your documents!
- **Processing time is as a rule about 4 weeks** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The German Embassy reserves the right to request further documents.
- **Please do not contact the German Embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

General information

As a *skilled worker with a university degree recognised in Germany*, you will be issued with an EU Blue Card if the employment you want to take up matches your professional qualifications and you can present a contract of employment certifying a gross annual salary of at least 56.400 € in 2022 (for STEM occupations - scientists, mathematicians, engineers, doctors and IT specialists - at least 43.992 €).

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.

Required Documents

1) General Documents

- **Passport** (not older than 10 years, valid for at least 3 months beyond the requested duration of stay, at least 2 blank pages) as well as the last existing old passport. The passport must be signed by the passport holder before the application. (original with two (2) copies)
- **2 fully completed application forms** with the legal instruction (German: “Belehrung”), both signed separately. The forms must be filled out online at <https://videx-national.diplo.de/> and then printed out.
- **3 recent biometric passport photos**, with white background, not older than 6 months (please note the instructions at www.kairo.diplo.de)
- **Proof of health insurance** valid in all Schengen countries for the duration of the entry visa of usually 3 months or proof of health insurance taken out in Germany. The insurance must not exclude epidemics, pandemics or COVID-19 diseases.

Please note: As an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, yet, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and enter into employment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to employment beginning and prior to being eligible for statutory health insurance.

2) Basic Requirements respectively documents related to the purpose of stay

- **Proof of your academic qualification (original + 2 copies)** which can be either
 - a German university degree (original) or □ a university degree recognized in Germany (legalized)
 - or □ a foreign university degree that is comparable to a German university degree (legalized)

AND (*in case of a foreign university degree*)

- **Recognition and comparability of your foreign university degree** with a German degree from the ANABIN database. Please refer to the information available at www.anabin.kmk.org for the **recognition** of your **degree**. Please search for the following two documents and enclose 2 printed copies of the results: (1) Assessment of the university and (2) assessment of the degree program or the degree)

Please note: If the qualification is not assessed as “entspricht” (comparable) or “gleichwertig” (equivalent) and/or the institution is not classified as “H+” you need to submit a **statement of Comparability** by the [Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](http://www.zab.de) (original with two (2) copies)

- **Employment contract or proof of a job offer** (from Germany) with a gross annual salary of at least € 56.800 (2021), signed by both contracting parties. (original with two (2) copies)
(For highly qualified people in professions where there is a shortage of skilled workers, a gross annual salary of at least € 44.992 applies)
- Completed form signed by your employer “**Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis**”, **Declaration of employment** (original with two (2) copies)

- **Complete tabular CV** of the professional career (2 copies)
- *If available: certificate from your current employer* (original + 2 copies)
- *If available: proof of previous acquisition of foreign language skills*, e.g. certificates issued by language schools (original + 2 copies)
- **Due to Corona:** Proof that the employment is necessary from an economic point of view and that the work cannot be postponed or carried out from abroad (please mention the reasons) (2 copies)
- **For certain professions**, especially medical professions: **Permission to exercise a profession** issued by the authority responsible for recognising qualifications or assurance of permission to exercise a profession (original and two (2) copies) (for example, for medical professions: decision of the licensing authority in the federal territory, i.e. assurance of permission to exercise a profession and/or issuing of medical licence)

More information on recognition: www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de

3) If your family moves to Germany with you, the following additional documents are required:

- All documents mentioned in point 1 for each family member, as well as their respective passport (original), and one copy of the passport
- Marriage certificate (legalized, original plus 2 copies)
- Recent (not older than 3 months) extract from the Egyptian Family Register (legalized, original plus 2 copies)
- Divorce certificate, if applicable (legalized, original plus 2 copies)
- Birth certificates of all children (legalized, original plus 2 copies)
- Recognition of fatherhood and/or proof which parent has the child custody (legalized, original plus 2 copies)

Please also check the information sheet about family reunification on the internet page of the German embassy for more details. Proof of German language skills (level A 1) is not required for family reunification with holders of a EU Blue Card.

General Instructions for submitting the application:

- Two full copies of the complete application documents, sorted into separate bundles, will be needed. The bundle of originals must be presented at the time of application and will be returned. Please note regarding the copy bundles:
 - The application form must be original and signed in both stacks.
 - One original passport photograph must be placed in each of the two application stacks. (do not stick or staple them on)
 - The passport copy must comprise all pages that are not empty.
- Applicants are asked to **compile all documents in the above order** and to **remove all staples** from the copy stacks.
- All documents have to be submitted in German or English or to be accompanied by a translation, done by a translating office certified by the Embassy. A translation of school diplomas issued in English is not required.

- All Egyptian official documents **have to be submitted translated and legalized**. Please find information for the legalization at our website:
http://www.kairo.diplo.de/Vertretung/kairo/de/04/Konsularhilfe/seite_legalisation.html
- The Embassy reserves its right to suspend, in certain cases, the issuance of the visa until additional documents are submitted.

Important information regarding the visa process:

- The German Embassy in Cairo only processes visa applications of people **residing in Egypt**, Libya, Syria and Yemen.
- Each applicant must **come in person to TLScontact** in order to proceed to the biometric data capture. Personal appearance is mandatory except for children under the age of 12.
- The approval of the Federal Employment Agency and, if applicable, the immigration authorities at the intended place of residence is required for the issuing of the visa.
- The processing time can vary between several weeks to months. The embassy may only issue the requested visa once it has received the necessary approval from the German authorities. The embassy cannot influence the processing time or the decision of these authorities. Applicants will be contacted immediately after their application has been processed.
- **Further information can be found on the homepage of the German Embassy in Cairo (www.kairo.diplo.de)**

Further information on the Blue Card is available at www.make-it-in-germany.de.