

Visa for EU Blue Card (Section 18g Residence Act) with family

General information You apply for a visa in person at the Embassy in Stockholm, with all documents stated below. Applications are accepted by appointment only, which is to be booked online, via the link on our homepage. Please note that the processing of your application usually takes several weeks. You need to present your original passport when you apply.

Basic information

- Documents 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 the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- The visa must, where applicable, be approved by the Federal Employment Agency and the competent foreigners authority. The visa can only be issued when these approvals have been received
- Processing time is as a rule a few working days 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 embassy reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the 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



Basic information

As a skilled worker with a university degree recognised in Germany, you will be issued an EU Blue Card if the employment you want to take up matches your professional qualifications and you can present

a) For "Große Blaue Karte": a gross annual salary of at least 43.800 € in 2023, 45.300,- € in 2024, 48.300€ in 2025

b) For bottleneck professions and new entrants to the labour market (people who have graduated from university within the last three years): a gross annual salary of at least 39.682,80 € in 2023, at least 41.041,80 € in 2024, 43.759,80€ in 2025.

c) IT specialists can apply for a Blue Card if they have at least 3 years of comparable professional experience even though they do not dispose of an academic degree

For example, which bottleneck occupations there are and what entry-level career means can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/visa-residence/skilled-immigration-act>

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**.

Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application

- One fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid and personally signed passport with at least two completely empty pages
- One uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
- A valid Swedish residence permit (original + 1 copy): *Uppehållstillstånd*-card
- Extract of the population register *Personbevis (familjebevis)* in English, issued, sealed and signed by the Swedish tax authority *Skatteverket*
- Application fee, at the moment 860,- SEK, depending on exchange rate (originally € 75,-). The fee can be paid with credit/debit card (MasterCard/VISA only) or in cash (Swedish kronor only)
- Postage fee 140,- SEK for registered mail return of your passport when the visa has been issued.



- Completed form signed by your employer: [„Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis“](#)

There is a minimum salary requirement for the EU Blue Card which is set once a year by the Federal Ministry of the Interior. In 2024, the minimum salary requirements were:

-> 41.041,80 € for bottleneck professions and career starters and

-> 45.300,00 € for all other professions

- Proof of qualification: University qualification (all pages, original and one copy)

- Proof of recognition of the qualification:**

One **printout from the [anabin Datenbank](#)** on the qualification and on the institution or (if the qualification is not assessed as “entspricht” (comparable) or “gleichwertig” (equivalent) and/or the institution is not classified as “H+”)

Statement of Comparability by the [ZAB \(Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen\)](#) (original with one copy)

or (in the case of regulated professions in which permission is required to exercise the profession, for example, doctors, engineers; complete list is available from the [Bundesagentur für Arbeit](#) or the [EU-Kommission](#))

Permission to exercise a profession issued by the authority responsible for recognising qualifications or assurance of permission to exercise a profession (original and one copy) (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: [Anerkennung in Deutschland](#)

Proof of adequate health insurance cover

If as an employee you are subject to mandatory statutory health insurance, 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. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

Please note:

The embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents or information deemed necessary for processing your application at any time during the process and assumes no responsibility for applications submitted too close to your planned departure. Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.

The Visa Section is not able to provide individual advice or pre-screening of documents. In case of further inquiries that are not being answered on our website, you may contact the Visa Section via Email at visa@stoc.diplo.de