



## Blue Card (EU) Visa for academics (Section 18g Residence Act)

### Basic information

- Please see basic information on applying for a visa on our website. **Applications can only be submitted via the [Consular Services Portal](#).**
- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- Documents not in the German 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/legalization at the time of your interview.
- 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 circa six 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 and refrain from booking before.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents at all times.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad 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

To apply for the Blue Card (EU) for **academics** in Germany you will need

- an academic degree comparable with an academic degree in Germany,
- an employment of a duration of at least six months in Germany corresponding to your qualifications and
- a minimum annual gross salary of EUR 45.300,-. For employment in the fields of STEM and other [bottleneck professions](#), a gross annual salary of at least EUR 41.041,80 (in 2024) is sufficient. If you obtained your last degree or equivalent qualification less than three years ago, you can also obtain an EU Blue Card if your job (all academic professions) includes a gross annual salary of at least EUR 41.041,80,- (in 2024). In these cases, your employment must be approved by the Federal Employment Agency (BA). If you wish to work in a regulated profession, for instance, in a health profession, a professional licence is mandatory.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete and bring a print out for your interview. 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 each application.	
	Missing
<input type="checkbox"/> One fully <a href="#">completed and signed application</a> including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid and personally signed passport with at least two completely empty pages, passport validity of one year from the date the visa is supposed to be issued as well as copy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of your residence in Tanzania (e.g. by water bill or gas bill)/residence permit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed 'Declaration Concrete Job Offer'	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed form signed by your employer: <a href="#">Declaration of Employment</a> (it is also helpful but not mandatory to additionally include the work contract)	
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 <b>minimum salary</b> requirements are: → <b>41.041,80€</b> gross annually for scientists, mathematicians, engineers, doctors and IT specialists (so-called STEM occupations and <a href="#">bottleneck professions</a> ) and → <b>45.300,- €</b> gross annually for all other occupations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of qualification: University qualification (all pages, original, possibly legalised)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of <b>recognition of the qualification and university:</b>  -> <b>Statement of Comparability</b> by the Central <a href="#">Office for Foreign Education (ZAB)</a> please proceed via the <a href="#">Service Centre for Professional Recognition (ZAB)</a> . We recommend to pre-check via <b>the <a href="#">anabin database</a></b> on the qualification and on the institution ( <i>the qualification needs to be assessed as "entspricht" (comparable) or "gleichwertig" (equivalent) and/or the institution is classified as "H+"</i> )  <b>and additionally (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 <a href="#">Federal Employment Agency</a> or the <a href="#">European Commission</a>)</b>  -> <b>Permission to exercise a profession</b> 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: <a href="http://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de">www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de</a>	



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<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Declaration 'Requirement to inform of any change of employer or employment status'	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of health insurance Persons with statutory health insurance cover are adequately insured from the first day of work. Please provide proof of your statutory insurance cover. If you arrive before the statutory health insurance cover begins, you must take out appropriate supplementary insurance. If a long or permanent stay is planned, some travel health insurance policies may exclude insurance cover in their terms and conditions. This restriction may also apply to an "incoming" insurance policy, so please ensure that your supplementary insurance policy provides adequate cover.	
<input type="checkbox"/> If you are older than 45: Pension provision If you have reached the age of 45 and do not have a minimum annual gross salary of EUR 49,830 (2024), you must provide proof of adequate pension provision. You can submit various types of assets as proof of additional pension provision. These include statutory, state-regulated pension insurance policies, entitlements already acquired from private pension or life insurance policies, real estate and other assets.	
<b>Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzanian</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence permit in Tanzania	
<b>Fee</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS	
<b>Completeness of application</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.	
<b>Declaration when applications are not complete:</b> I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless. _____ place, date, signature	
<b>Declaration for the fast-track procedure for skilled workers</b> My future employer has launched a fast-track procedure for skilled workers in Germany to enable me to enter the country <input type="checkbox"/> with _____ (enter relevant authority). <input type="checkbox"/> A fast-track procedure for skilled workers has not been launched. <input type="checkbox"/> A procedure for my entry as a skilled worker was launched in _____ (month/year) with _____ (authority) and was concluded with legal effect as follows: _____. Should my employer launch a fast-track procedure for skilled workers in Germany, I will inform the mission abroad on my own initiative. I am aware that in such a case visa proceedings can be suspended until a decision has been taken by the authority in Germany.	