



Blue Card (EU) Visa for IT professionals

(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.
- 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 **IT professionals** in Germany you will need

- To have a formally recognised academic or tertiary-level qualification in IT no formal qualification or at least 3 years of work experience on an academic level in the IT sector during the previous 7 years (in this case consent of the Federal Employment Agency is required) a contract of employment (at least six months) in Germany that requires you to have the above mentioned IT skills
- a minimum annual gross salary of EUR 41.041,80,- /EUR 3.420,15 monthly. In these cases the consent of the Federal Employment Agency is required

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**.



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Visa application checklist	
The following documents are to be submitted in full with each application.	
	Missing
<input type="checkbox"/> One fully completed and signed application 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 valid for one year as well as copy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of your residence in Tanzania (e.g. by water bill or gas bill)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed 'Declaration Concrete Job Offer'	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed form signed by your employer: Declaration of Employment (original with one copy) as well as separate 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 minimum salary requirement is: → EUR 41.041,80 € gross annually / EUR 3.420,15 monthly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of qualification: Option A - university degree Option B - tertiary-level qualification Option C - evidence confirming that you have gained at least 3 years of professional experience on academics level in the IT sector in the last 7 years. Examples of such evidence can be confirmations from your former employers. Submit documents in English or German or accompanied with a translation (in case of option C approval by the Federal Employment Agency is required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of recognition of the qualification (university degree/tertiary education) -> Statement of Comparability by the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) please proceed via the Service Centre for Professional Recognition (ZAB) . In case of university degree - we recommend to pre-check via the anabin database 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>)	
<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	



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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.	
Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzanian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence permit for Tanzania	
Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS	
Completeness of application	
<input type="checkbox"/> The application is complete: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.	
Declaration when applications are not complete: 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	
Declaration for the fast-track procedure for skilled workers	
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.	