**Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Dar es Salaam**

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 foreigner's 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 43.759,80 /EUR 3.646,65 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**.

Visa application checklist The following documents are to be submitted in full with each application.	Missing
☐ One fully completed and signed application 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 valid for one year as well as copy	
☐ Proof of your residence in Tanzania (e.g. by water bill or gas bill)	
☐ Signed 'Declaration Concrete Job Offer' ☐ Applicant's birth certificate	
☐ 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 43.759,80 €** gross annually / EUR 3.646,65 monthly	
☐ **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)	
☐ **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 (*the qualification needs to be assessed as "entspricht" (comparable) or "gleichwertig" (equivalent) and/or the institution is classified as "H+"*)	
☐ Signed Declaration 'Requirement to inform of any change of employer or employment status'	
☐ 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.

Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzanian

☐ Proof of residence permit for Tanzania

Fee

☐ Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS

Completeness of application

☐ The application is complete: ☐Yes ☐ 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

☐   with _____ (enter relevant authority).

☐   A fast-track procedure for skilled workers has not been launched.

☐   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.