

Application for an EU Blue Card

# Checklist of required documents



To apply for an EU Blue Card, you will need various documents to support the information you have provided, in addition to the completed application form. You can find a list of possible documents you may need to submit with your application [here](#).

In some cases, you may have to bring additional documents to your appointment which are not listed here. Once your local foreigners authority has checked your application, they will tell you which documents you need to bring.

**Please note:** The foreigners authority requires all documents in **German**. As a general rule, please submit documents from your country of origin both in their original language and as certified German translations. In some cases, documents from your country of origin may require legalisation or an Apostille certificate, that is, official confirmation that the signature on the document is authentic and that the agency that issued the document was authorised to do so. Your foreigners authority can tell you whether legalisation or an Apostille certificate is required for a particular document.

## If you entered without a visa for the EU Blue Card

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### Proof of your identity

- Passport or passport substitute
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### Proof of your qualification

For example:

- Certificate of a degree from a German higher-education institution
  - Certificate of a degree from a foreign higher-education institution plus an official notice of recognition in Germany (for example, a Statement of Comparability for Foreign University Degrees)
  - Proof of a tertiary education degree, which includes training as a master craftsperson and vocational training for early childhood education careers; you will also need a [Statement of Comparability issued by the Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](#) confirming that your qualification is equivalent to a university degree
  - For IT specialists without a formal degree: CV and proof of professional experience, for example employer references
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### Proof of employment

- A completed certification of employment form (*Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis*) signed by your employer
- If you wish to work in a [regulated occupation](#), such as in the field of medicine or law: Authorisation to work in that occupation

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### Proof of your residence permit

Copy of your visa for the EU Blue Card including the additional label indicating any ancillary provisions/restrictions

### Proof of employment

- Certificate of employment from your employer to present at the foreigners authority
- Your three most recent wage or salary statements
- If your employment situation has changed, for example you have started a new job: A completed certification of employment form (*Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis*) signed by your employer
- If you wish to work in a regulated occupation, such as in the field of medicine or law: Authorisation to work in that occupation

- In some cases, you may be required to submit your employment contract.

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### **Proof of health insurance coverage in Germany**

For example:

- If you have statutory health insurance: current membership certificate from your health insurance provider
- If you have private health insurance: proof that you have paid your premiums, for example bank account statements or a certificate from your health insurance provider. Please inform your insurance provider that you need the certificate for a residence permit for the purpose of employment.

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