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## EU Blue Card

Germany is very interested in attracting qualified professionals to come to our country. The EU Blue Card allows foreigners with a university degree to take up employment in Germany which corresponds to their qualifications.

In general, Israeli nationals do not require a visa to enter Germany. They can apply for the necessary residence and work permit from the Foreigners Authority upon arrival in Germany.

For an application at the German Embassy in Tel Aviv you need first to make an appointment online: [www.tel-aviv.diplo.de](http://www.tel-aviv.diplo.de)

At the appointment you must then submit originals and two copies of the following documents. Please use this information sheet as a checklist.

- Two fully completed and signed **application forms**, filled out in German
- One personally signed **statement** in accordance with section 54 (2) number 8 of the Residence Act.

You can download the national visa application form and the declaration from our internet page!

- A valid **passport**
- Two **passport photos**
- **Curriculum vitae** of professional career, accompanied by the university certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained
- **University Diplomas**, certificates etc. you have obtained (if they are not in English or German, please provide a translation into English or German!)
- Evidence of your current employment
- A **concrete job offer** (e.g. an employment contract) including details of gross annual salary
- Visa fee is **75 Euro** which must be paid in Shekel

You can check whether your foreign university degree is recognized or comparable to a German degree by consulting the **ANABIN** database: <http://anabin.kmk.org> (only in German). Please attach a printout of the results of your enquiry.

(For doctors a license to practice medicine in Germany serves as confirmation of the equivalence of their foreign university degree.)

The job must be relevant to the qualifications, i.e. the skills acquired through the university degree must be at least partly or indirectly required for the job (e.g. a doctor employed in a pharmaceutical company).



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In order to obtain an EU Blue Card a **gross annual salary** of at least 50,800 euros is required. For occupations where there is a shortage of professionals, such as scientists, mathematicians, engineers, doctors or IT experts, a gross annual salary of at least 39,624 euros is required. The amounts – here for 2017 – are newly set every year.

Only if required for the job: written permission to exercise the profession or confirmation that this permission will be issued.

**Travel health insurance** which covers the time between entry to the country and the start of employment. Proof of the above must be presented at the latest before the visa is issued to the applicant.

**N.B.:**

Your spouse can receive a residence permit which allows for employment or self-employed activity without requiring knowledge of the German language. Upon first issuance, the EU Blue Card is valid for a maximum period of four years. Under certain conditions, however, it can be possible to obtain an (unlimited) settlement permit after two to three years (see section 19a (6) of the Residence Act).

You will find general information on the EU Blue Card online at [www.bamf.de](http://www.bamf.de) as well as on the portal for foreign professionals: [www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com)