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EU Blue Card

Germany is very interested in attracting qualified professionals to come to our country. The EU Blue Card visa requires you to hold a German, a recognized or a comparable foreign degree.

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: https://service2.diplo.de/rktermin/extern/choose_realmList.do?locationCode=tela&request_locale=en

Please use this information sheet as a checklist to make sure you are prepared well.

On your appointment please submit:

- Two fully completed and signed **application forms**, filled out in German

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

- A valid **passport** (original with two copies)
- Two biometric **passport photos**
- **Curriculum vitae** of professional career, accompanied by the university certificates, diplomas, etc. you have obtained (originals with two copies)
- **University Diplomas**, certificates etc. you have obtained (if they are not in English or German, please provide a professional translation into English or German), (two copies)
- Evidence of your current employment (if applicable; two copies)
- A **concrete job offer** (e.g. an employment contract or the Declaration of the Employment Relationship) including details of gross annual salary, working hours and job title
- Visa fee is **75 Euro** to be paid in Shekel in cash only

You have to 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 two printouts 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).

In order to obtain an EU Blue Card a **gross annual salary** of at least 56,400 Euros is required. Professionals with an academic background in mathematics, IT, the natural sciences or technology as well as medical doctors may qualify for a Blue Card with remuneration starting at a gross annual salary of at least 43,992 Euros. The amounts – here for 2022 – 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 as well as on the portal for foreign professionals: www.make-it-in-germany.com