



Information sheet: national visa Blue Card

Basic information

- Documents that are not in the German or English must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport and Dutch residence permit are, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented as original with apostille/document legalization. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- The German consulate reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- You need to demonstrate your original university degree. If your degree is in your home country, then let it be sent to your home address in the Netherlands before the appointment. No exceptions can be made.

Information to prepare your documents

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested form and order.

From all called documents, you need to take two copies. From some documents, you need to take the original. Please prepare 3 sets as following:

Set 1: original documents.

Set 2: first copy of the required documents.

Set 3: second copy of the required documents.



Please do not use stickers, sheets or staples between the documents. If a document exist of more than one page, please use a paperclip to put the papers together.

The minimum salary for Blue Card is 45.300 EUR per year from 2024 (3.775 EUR per month). For 'Mangelberufe' (shortage occupations) and starters (within 3 years after graduating) the minimum salary is 41.041,80 EUR per year (3.420,15 EUR per month). For occupations with strong practical professional experience the minimum salary is 40.770 EUR per year (3.397,50 EUR per month).

If you have a foreign university certificate, your degree needs to be recognized. For the recognition of qualification, you need to find your degree and university in [the Anabin database](#). First, find your degree under *Hochschulabshlüsse* and print two copies. Second, you have to find your university under *Institutionen* and make two copies.

When your degree or university is not in Anabin, you have to apply for a statement of comparability at the [Central Office for Foreign Education](#) (ZAB)

There exist regulated professions (reglementierte Berufe). Regulated professions are professions in which the activities are legally protected. You only can start this profession if you have an authorization. Please find all information on the [website of the Bundesagentur für Arbeit](#).



Visa application checklist for Blue Card

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.

- Two (2) completely filled out and signed [application forms](#), including the declaration pursuant to section 54 resident act. Two copies.
- Two (2) recent **biometric passport photos** in this [format](#). Place both photos in set 1. Do **not** glue the photos on your application form.
- Valid passport** with at least two empty pages.
- Two (2) copies of the **information page of your passport**. The information page is the page with your name and birthday. Two copies.
- Dutch residence permit**. Original plus two copies of both side.
- Declaration of Employment** filled out by the employer. An empty form of this declaration can be found on the website of the [Bundesagentur für Arbeit](#). Two copies.
- Proof of qualifications**; university certificates inclusive supplements. Original certificates plus two copies.
- Recognition of qualification** (see page 1 for more information):
 - 1) if your university and degree are in [Anabin](#), take two prints take two prints of university recognition and two prints of the degree recognition. Or;
 - 2) if your university of degree is not in Anabin; Statement of Comparability by the Central [Office for Foreign Education](#) (ZAB) – two print outs.

Take the authorization for regulated professions, if your profession is regulated.
- Proof of adequate **German health insurance**. Your Dutch health insurance will not be valid from the day you have your permanent residence in Germany. You have to be accepted by a German health insurance company. Your employer could help you. Two copies.

Application Fee

- Visa application fee of 75 €. Preferable payable in cash.