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**Application for a Blue Card EU –
employment in Germany for skilled workers**

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If you intend to work in Germany you have to apply for a visa and work permit before entering Germany. There are different legal options to issue a work permit depending on the intended work place, salary and qualifications. Please check if the following conditions apply in your case. If not, please check further information available on our website.

As a skilled worker with a university degree recognised in Germany, you can apply for an EU Blue Card if the intended employment matches your professional qualifications and if your yearly salary will be 45,300€ or more. You are also eligible for a Blue Card EU, if your yearly income is 41,041.80€ or more and you intend to work as scientist, mathematician, engineer, doctor or IT specialist (STEM occupations), if you acquired the diploma in the past three years or if you intend to work as an IT specialist based on previous employments in the IT sector. If you are eligible for a Blue Card, please prepare your visa application according to the following instructions.

Depending on your salary, the work permit will be issued with or without the consent of the agency of labour. This will influence the **processing time** of your application: It might take some working days or several weeks. A visa application can be submitted up to three months in advance before entering Germany. The embassy highly recommends applying as early as possible to avoid any delays.

If you already hold a Blue Card EU that has been issued by Lithuanian authorities at least 12 months ago, you can apply for a German Blue Card EU directly at the aliens' authority at your place of residence in Germany within one month after entering Germany according to Art. 39 sent. 1 no. 7 German Ordinance Governing Residence. The embassy recommends contacting the competent aliens' authority for further information prior to your entry into Germany.

The **recognition of your foreign university degree** is mandatory if you intend to apply for a Blue Card based on a foreign diploma. This can be checked in the database ANABIN (www.anabin.kmk.org). The university as well as degree itself have to be listed in the database. If none of your degrees is recognized in Germany, you have to apply for a single comparability statement before submitting your visa application. Further information can be found on the website www.anabin.kmk.org.



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An **appointment** can only be booked [online](#). The **visa fee** is 75€ and can be paid in cash or by credit card.

The following documents are requested:

- one filled in and signed application form including information according to Art. 53, 54 German Law on Aliens ([online form](#); pdf form can be found [here](#))
- 1 biometric passport picture, not older than six months, white background, size: 45x35mm

The following documents have to be submitted in original with one simple copy:

- Form „[Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis](#)“, filled out by employer
- Signed work contract
- University degree including proof of recognition in Germany; if you are an IT specialist based on previous employments adequate proofs such as work contracts or work book as well as written confirmation that your work was on an academic level
- Curriculum Vitae
- passport data page (passport has to be signed and there have to be at least three free pages)
- Lithuanian residence permit (back and front page)
- health insurance (see further information below)

General information:

- All foreign documents (except passport, Lithuanian residence permit and health insurance) have to be accompanied by a translation into German. Translations of work contracts shall include only employer, work period, position and salary.
- Health insurance: The mandatory health insurance in Germany is only applicable once you actually started to work. Therefore, together with your visa application you have to provide a travel insurance for the validity of your visa. It is not sufficient to present your Lithuanian European Health Insurance card as this insurance expires upon your departure from Lithuania.
- If you have to prove knowledge of German, you have to submit a language certificate issued by the Goethe Institut, ÖSD, telc language schools, TestDaF or any ALTE institution.
- Make sure to submit all requested documents. Incomplete applications may be refused upon submitting or after processing your application. The embassy may request additional documents upon submitting or while processing your application.