The EU Blue Card allows third-country nationals with a university degree to take up employment in Germany commensurate with their qualifications.

The EU Blue Card, like all longer-term residence permits, is issued exclusively by the relevant foreigners authority in Germany. You must apply for the national visa, which is required in advance, from the embassy.

General information on the EU Blue Card is available from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees website at www.bamf.de and from the portal for qualified professionals www.make-it-in-germany.com.

For your application you require the following documents:

- Passport
- Application (and Declaration in accordance with Section 55 (2) of the Residence Act [link to the form on the Embassy/Consulate-General website would be advisable])
- Curriculum vitae of professional career, including certificates, diplomas, etc.
- German university degree or recognised foreign degree comparable to a German degree
- Contract/binding job offer with details of gross annual salary.

You are required to check whether your foreign university degree is recognised or comparable by consulting the ANABIN database: http://anabin.kmk.org/ and provide a copy.

Please prepare two identical application sets with the above-mentioned documents and bring your original certificates as well as your original employment contract along. Please DO NOT staple any documents.

For further information, please contact ‘Make it in Germany’ advisors in India:
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Following approval of the visa application and before the visa can be issued, you must provide evidence that you have travel insurance for the period between arrival in the country and commencement of employment, if such evidence has not already been submitted.

Please ensure that your application documents are complete! Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.

This information is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.

As of March 2019