



# Decision guide for

## applying for a residence title

§ 18b Para. 2 AufenthG (EU Blue Card)	§ 18d AufenthG (Researcher)
You must be within the legal salary limit, and hold a German or <a href="#">recognised foreign university degree</a> , in order for an EU Blue Card to be issued. Federal Employment Agency consent is required for professions in mathematics, IT, science and engineering and for people holding foreign university degrees.	A researcher may be granted a residence permit for the purpose of academic research, if a hosting agreement or a contract, plus the content of a hosting agreement, with an accredited research organization has been duly signed. The hosting agreement must also declare the liability of the research organization for all costs possibly arising. The researcher needs to sustain its livelihood without the possibility of making demands on social benefits in Germany.
The residence permit is issued with a two-year employer loyalty clause. The validity of the permit is bound to the duration of the employment contract. If the contract is limited, the permit will be issued for the validity period + three months. If the contract is unlimited, the permit will be issued for maximum 4 years.	The permit is issued for the validity of the hosting agreement. The employment is bound to the research organization. But it also enables scientist to carry out teaching work. Further employment is only possible in exceptional cases and with the permission of the foreigners registration office.
Upon completion of the employment a permit for jobseeking can be issued for maximum three months. The residence title can be also extended for another three month. (§ 20 Para. 3(2) AufenthG)	If the research project is completed, the residence permit can be extended for nine month for jobseeking. All gainful employment is allowed. (§ 20 Para. 3(2) AufenthG)
The same requirements as those for § 9 AufenthG apply for obtaining a settlement permit. For § 18b Para. 2 AufenthG, however, time limits are reduced to 21 or 33 months if certain language levels and pension insurance periods are met.	A permanent permit as per § 18c AufenthG may be applied for after four years if its stipulated requirements have been met. A permanent permit as per § 19a Para. 6 AufenthG is possible after 21 or 33 month (depending on the level of German language skills) if the requirements of § 18d AufenthG have been fulfilled for the whole time. A settlement permit as per § 18c Para. 1(2) AufenthG is given for graduates with a German university degree after two years when all requirements have been fulfilled.
This residence permit may only be issued for a German employment contract. It is possible to switch the permit, if the stipulated requirements have been met.	This residence permit may only be issued for a hosting agreement or contract. A researcher can switch the residence permit if the stipulated requirements have been met.
Holders of this residence permit are not entitled to participate in an integration course.	Holders of this residence permit are not entitled to participate in an integration course.
In addition to a three-month tourist visa, a new EU Blue Card can be applied for directly from the other country's Bureau for Foreigners if you have met the relevant requirements. This makes relocating within the EU easier.	A researcher with a valid German residence title can perform research work in another EU-Member State for maximum 180 days within a time frame of 360 days without applying for a new residence title.
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**Confirmation of advice applying for a residence title**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today I was advised by Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ regarding issue of the aforementioned residence permits.

I have decided to apply for  § 18b Para. 2 AufenthG or  § 18d AufenthG.

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