

Dresden Welcome Center

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GUIDE FOR BLUE CARD OR PERMIT FOR RESEARCHERS

§ 18g AufenthG (Blue Card EU)	§ 18d AufenthG (Researcher)
<p>In order to be issued a Blue Card, you must meet the statutory salary threshold as well as a German or recognised foreign university degree (see http://www.kmk.org/zab/zeugnisbewertungen-fuer-auslaendische-hochschulqualifikationen.html), a degree of at least 3 years in the tertiary education system or at least 3 years of professional experience in the field of information and communication technology. In principle, the Federal Employment Agency must be asked for approval, unless the requirements for a regular occupation are met.</p>	<p>A researcher may be granted a residence permit for the purpose of academic research, if a hosting agreement or a contract with 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.</p>
<p>The residence permit is issued with an employer commitment for one year. In the case of a fixed-term employment relationship, the residence permit is issued until the end of the contract plus 3 months to look for a job afterwards. In the case of an open-ended employment contract, the residence permit is issued for a maximum of 4 years.</p>	<p>The permit is issued for the validity of the hosting agreement. The employment is bound to the research organisation. Further employment is only possible in exceptional cases and with the permission of the alien authority.</p>
<p>In the case of a fixed-term employment relationship, the EU Blue Card is valid for 3 months after the end of the employment contract in addition to the search for new employment. Up to a further 3 months, a residence permit can be issued in accordance with Section 20 (2) of the Residence Act. Employment is only permitted within the framework of trial work of up to 10 hours/week.</p>	<p>After completion of the research activity, the residence permit is extended for up to nine months in order to look for a job, provided that the livelihood is secured. During this period, the residence permit entitles the holder to engage in all gainful employment activities (Section 20 (3) No. 2 of the Residence Act).</p>
<p>The same requirements as those for § 9 AufenthG apply for obtaining a settlement permit. For § 18c Para. 2 AufenthG, however, time limits are reduced to 21 or 27 months if certain language levels and pension insurance periods are met.</p>	<p>The issuance of a settlement permit in accordance with Section 18c of the Residence Act requires 3 years of possession of a residence permit for qualified employment and contributions to the pension system over a period of 36 months. A settlement permit for graduates of a German university degree pursuant to Section 18c (1) sentence 2 of the Residence Act can be issued after 2 years if a residence permit for qualified employment has been held during this period and at least 24 monthly contributions to the pension system have been made.</p>
<p>This residence permit is issued only for domestic employment. A change to another purpose of stay is possible, provided that the legal requirements are met.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Holders of this residence permit are not entitled to participate in an integration course.</p>	<p>Holders of this residence permit are not entitled to participate in an integration course.</p>

In another EU member state, an activity related to the employment relationship can be carried out for up to 90 days without further permission within the framework of the EU Blue Card (Section 18h of the Residence Act). After 12 months of residence in an EU country within the framework of the Blue Card, long-term mobility can be claimed in accordance with Section 18 i of the Residence Act.	A researcher with a valid German residence permit 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 permit. Prior notification to the host state is required.
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The reunification of the parents or parents-in-law of the holder of a Blue Card, which was issued for the first time from 01.03.2024, is possible according to the requirements of Section 36 of the Residence Act.	The reunification of the parents or parents-in-law of the holder of a residence permit for research, which was issued for the first time from 01.03.2024, is possible according to the requirements of Section 36 of the Residence Act.

Last name: _____

First name: _____

I was advised by Mr./Mrs. _____ today regarding issue of the aforementioned residence permits.

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

Dresden, on _____

Customer signature

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