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# Applying for a settlement permit for holders of an EU Blue Card

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Leistungsschlüssel	99010003001006
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Applying for a settlement permit for holders of an EU Blue Card
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Typisierung	2/3b - Bund: Regelung, Land: Ausführungsvorschriften, Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Brandenburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (silber)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Aufenthaltstitel (010)
Verrichtungskennung	Erteilung (001)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Anforderungen in Bezug auf Aufenthaltskarten für Unionsbürger und ihre Familienmitglieder,

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	einschließlich Familienmitglieder, die keine Unionsbürger sind
Lagen Portalverbund	Personal einstellen (2030200), Einwanderung (1080100)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	30.06.22
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry of the Interior and for Municipal Affairs of the State of Brandenburg
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_18c.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_18c.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_18b.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_18b.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_9.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_9.html</a>
Teaser	As a holder of the EU Blue Card, you can apply for an unlimited settlement permit under simplified conditions.
Volltext	If you are the holder of a residence title "EU Blue Card", you can apply for a settlement permit after only 21 or 33 months.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognized and valid identity document (for example passport or passport substitute)</li> <li>• Current biometric photo in passport format (45 x 35 mm)</li> <li>• Employment contract or, in the case of a change of employer, binding job offer</li> <li>• Proof of past employment subject to compulsory insurance for a period of 21 or 33 months (including paid insurance contributions, e.g. by submitting pension information)</li> <li>• Proof of livelihood (for example, proof of income, proof of receipt of benefits such as parental or child benefits, alimony payments)</li> <li>• Proof of health insurance coverage (for example, confirmation of health insurance coverage or insurance policy)</li> <li>• Proof of knowledge of the German language at level</li> </ul>

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A1 (after 33 months) or B1 (after 21 months) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (for example, language certificate, German school, training or university certificates).

- Professional license if practicing a regulated profession (for example, license to practice medicine or professional permit)
- Proof of basic knowledge of the German legal and social system (for example, certificate of successful participation in an orientation course and successful completion of an orientation test). Please note: This proof can be waived if there is an illness or disability that prevents the acquisition of the knowledge. This must be proven in a suitable form (e.g. by a specialist medical opinion, proof of reasons which make the acquisition of knowledge impossible or unreasonable in the long term).
- Proof of sufficient living space (rental or purchase contract providing information on living space).

The documents and information must generally be submitted in German.

In individual cases, the Aliens' Registration Office may require fewer or additional documents.

## Voraussetzungen

- You possess a valid EU Blue Card (residence title).
- Within the scope of the issued EU Blue Card, you have been employed in a job corresponding to your qualifications and have received a salary that corresponds to the applicable minimum annual gross salary (this amounts to 56,400.00 euros in 2022, for example; for so-called shortage occupations, the limit in 2022 is 43,992.00 euros).
- You would like to continue your work in a job corresponding to your qualifications with the corresponding minimum salary.
- You can secure a living for yourself and your family without claiming public benefits.
- You have adequate health insurance coverage.
- You have a permanent employment permit.
- If you are working in a regulated profession, you must hold the required professional license (for example, approbation or professional permit).
- If you wish to obtain a settlement permit after 21

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months: You have been in possession of the EU Blue Card for a period of 21 months and can provide evidence of employment subject to compulsory insurance for this period. You have sufficient knowledge of the German language at level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

- If you wish to obtain a settlement permit after 33 months: You have been in possession of the EU Blue Card for a period of 33 months and can provide evidence of employment subject to compulsory insurance for this period. You have a basic knowledge of the German language at level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- You have basic knowledge of the German legal and social system. Please note: Orientation courses offered by the BAMF provide this knowledge.
- You have sufficient living space for yourself and your household members.
- You have no previous criminal record.
- There is no interest in deportation against you.

## Kosten

Fee: 113,00 Euro

Remark:

The time as well as the form of the fee collection as well as the payment vary depending on the authority.

For the issuance of the settlement permit in the form of the electronic residence permit (eAT card), which can also be used as electronic proof of identity, additional fees may apply.

## Verfahrensablauf

- The settlement permit must be applied for before the validity of your current EU Blue Card expires.
- Find out whether your foreigners authority allows you to apply online or has a special application form available.
- If the application can only be submitted in person, arrange an appointment with your local immigration office. In the case of online application, the Aliens' Registration Office will contact you after receiving your application to schedule an appointment.
- During the appointment at the Aliens' Registration

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Office, your identity and supporting documents will be verified (please bring your documents, originals if possible, to the appointment).

- If your application is granted, the Foreigners' Registration Office will arrange for the production of the settlement permit by the Federal Printing Office (in the form of an electronic residence permit, or eAT card for short). Your fingerprints will be taken for this purpose.
- After completion, you will receive information and can pick up the eAT card at the responsible office. Since the eAT card is linked to an online ID function, you must always pick it up in person.
- If your application is rejected, you will receive a rejection notice.

**Bearbeitungsdauer**

Duration: approx. 6 to 8 weeks Note for more information on processing time: The processing time may vary depending on the workload of the Foreigners' Registration Office. It takes about 4 to 6 weeks for the Bundesdruckerei to produce the electronic residence permit.

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Application deadline: 6 to 8 weeks Remark (for further information on the deadline): At least 6 to 8 weeks before the expiration of the current EU Blue Card, the application should be received by the Aliens' Registration Office. Duration of validity: The settlement permit is issued for an unlimited period of time. Only the electronic residence permit (eAT card) is issued for a limited period of time and must be renewed at the end of its validity.

**weiterführende Informationen**

You can also obtain free advice on the topics of entry, residence and occupation from the "Hotline Arbeiten und Leben in Deutschland" (Working and Living in Germany) from the Federal Government's portal for skilled workers from abroad. Phone: 030 1815-1111 Service hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 16:00.  
<https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/MigrationAufenthalt/ZuwandererDrittstaaten/Migrathek/BlaueKarteEU/blauekarteeu-node.html>  
<https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/>

**Hinweise**

- The minimum salary limits are announced annually at the end of the year for the following year in the Federal

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Gazette by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Home Affairs and are also updated on the relevant websites.

- If the requirements for the extension of the EU Blue Card are met, the settlement permit can also be issued in addition to the EU Blue Card. Simultaneous possession of a settlement permit and an EU Blue Card is possible.
- The procedure is usually conducted in German.
- Please make sure that your information is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge. This is the only way the Aliens Department can process your request without major delays.
- Incorrect or incomplete information can slow down the procedure and be disadvantageous for you. In a serious case, incorrect or incomplete information that is not completed or corrected in time vis-à-vis the Aliens' Registration Office may result in the revocation of residence rights already granted, a fine, a prison sentence of up to three years or expulsion from the Federal territory.

**Rechtsbehelf**

- Appeal against the decision of the Foreigners' Registration Office
- Action before the court specified in the notice of appeal if the appeal is not granted

**Kurztext**

- Settlement Permit Issuance for EU Blue Card Holders
- Holders of the EU Blue Card can apply for a settlement permit after 33 months if they have been in employment subject to compulsory insurance during this time and can communicate in German in a simple manner (language level A1).
- If you have sufficient knowledge of German (language level B1), the period is reduced to 21 months.
- Over the entire period, a salary must have been drawn that corresponds to the minimum annual gross salary.
- The livelihood for oneself and members of the household must be secured without recourse to public benefits.
- In the case of regulated professions, the permit required for the permanent practice of the profession must be available.
- Basic knowledge of the German legal and social

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	<p>system is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sufficient living space for oneself and family members belonging to the household must be proven.</li> <li>• Responsible: the foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence.</li> </ul> <p>Responsible in the state of Brandenburg is the immigration authority of the district / the district-free city</p>
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	<p>The foreigners authority responsible for the applicant's place of residence is responsible for processing the application.</p> <p>In the state of Brandenburg, this is if you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• live in a town or municipality belonging to a district: the district administration,</li> <li>• live in an independent city: the city administration.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://service.brandenburg.de/service/de/adressen/behoerdenverzeichnis/">https://service.brandenburg.de/service/de/adressen/behoerdenverzeichnis/</a>  <a href="https://service.brandenburg.de/service/de/adressen/behoerdenverzeichnis/">https://service.brandenburg.de/service/de/adressen/behoerdenverzeichnis/</a></p>
Formulare	<p>Forms available: No</p> <p>Written form required: No</p> <p>Informal application possible: Yes</p> <p>Personal appearance required: Yes</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Niederlassungserlaubnis für Inhaber einer Blauen Karte EU beantragen, Applying for a settlement permit for holders of an EU Blue Card</p>