

## Requirements for EU Blue Card Entry Visa

The German Embassy in Accra is responsible for processing visa applications of permanent residents of **GHANA, LIBERIA** and **SIERRA LEONE**.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- The Blue Card EU provides an accelerated pathway to permanent residence. Applicants need to demonstrate that they hold a German or a recognised or a comparable academic degree. The scheme is geared at qualified academic professionals being employed by a company in Germany in their field of qualification and with a designated minimum remuneration (2020 threshold: 55,200 Euro per annum). Approval by the Federal Employment Agency is not required.
- Professionals with a background in mathematics, IT, the natural sciences or technology as well as medical doctors may qualify for a Blue Card with a remuneration starting at 43,056 Euro (2020 threshold) but an approval by the Federal Employment Agency is required.
- The EU Blue Card, like all longer-term residence permits, is issued exclusively by the relevant Foreigners Authority (Ausländerbehörde) in Germany. You must, however, apply for the necessary entry visa at the German Embassy in advance.

General information about migration of qualified professionals can be found on:

[www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com).

- All applicants have to apply in person at the German Embassy. **Appointments** can only be booked through the [Embassy's Online Appointment System](#).
- The processing of an application in general takes a minimum of 4 weeks. Applicants are encouraged to submit their visa applications well in advance of their intended travel date to allow sufficient time for processing.
- Only the submission of a complete application with all required documents according to this leaflet guarantees a prompt processing of an application.
- The visa fee is **75.00 Euro, only payable in cash in Ghana Cedi** at the current exchange rate of the Embassy. The processing fee is not refundable in case of denial of the visa.
- Visa application forms are free of charge and are available on the [website of the Embassy](#).

- In addition to the standard requirements, additional supporting documents may be required in individual cases. The Embassy does not return forms, photos or any documents in case of refusal or if the application is withdrawn. Fraudulent documents may be sent to the relevant authorities.
- If the visa is granted, it is your duty to verify whether the information printed on the visa sticker is correct and complete and to report any errors to the Embassy immediately.

**The following list allows you to check, by ticking off the boxes, whether you have all the required documents needed for the visa application.**

### **General requirements (Checklist) ☑:**

All the documents itemized below are mandatory and are to be submitted by the applicant during his/her personal interview **in original plus 2 legible copies of each document (unless otherwise specified):**

- 2 completed and signed visa application forms for a national visa (download the application form [here](#)) – *no copies required!*
- 2 signed declarations according to Sec. 54 Par. 2 No. 8 of the German Residence Act (download [here](#)) – *no copies required!*
- 2 recent passport pictures with white background - *please do not attach to forms!*
- visa fee of 75.00 Euro, only payable in cash in Ghana Cedi
- valid passport and 2 copies of the passport data page
- birth certificate of the applicant, based on the first registration
- marriage certificate and original birth certificates of children, if applicable
- school leaving certificates (WAEC-certificates: BECE, WASSCE)
- proof of previous and current academic studies/professional training/work experience
- German university degree or recognised foreign degree comparable to a German degree  
You can check whether your foreign university degree is recognised or comparable by consulting the [ANABIN database](#). If your degree is listed in ANABIN without reference to the university, where you obtained it from, you will have to apply for a Statement of Comparability first with the Central Office for Foreign Education. Further information can be found [here](#).
- Contract/binding job offer with details of gross annual salary, working hours and job description
- Curriculum Vitae
- Following approval of the visa application and before the visa can be issued, you must provide evidence that you have a travel health insurance for the period between arrival in the country and commencement of employment, if such evidence has not already been submitted.
- for residents of Liberia and Sierra Leone: prepaid courier envelope by any major courier service

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