

BLUE CARD PROCESS MAP

STEP 8: RESIDENCE PERMIT COLLECTION

The final Blue Card permit(s) must be collected from the authorities,
Processing time: 5 - 8 weeks

STEP 7: RESIDENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

The work and residence application for the assignee should be filed with the local immigration office (Ausländerbehörde).

STEP 6: TOWNHALL REGISTRATION

If the assignee will be in Germany for more than 90 days, must register at the townhall or "Einwohnermeldeamt" in the area of residence within 14 days of moving into a permanent address.

STEP 5: ENTRY TO GERMANY

The assignee may now travel to Germany and can begin work after this step.



STEP 1: INITIATION

Client initiates the case with FGI. FGI sends the document checklist to the client. Client sends the documents listed on the checklist to FGI.
Estimated Turnaround: 1- 3 days.

STEP 2: WORK AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION

Prior work authorization approval is not required for Blue card applicants except for those in a shortage occupation. The work authorization application can be submitted to the labour office in the applicant's intended area of residence in Germany. The labor authorities must check that the employment conditions match the local standards.
Processing time: 2-6 weeks

STEP 3: APPLICATION FOR D VISA

If applicable, the principal applicant plus any accompanying family members must apply for Visas Type D at the German diplomatic post in their country of residence or nationality.
Processing time: 5 weeks – 3 months

STEP 4: COLLECTION OF PASSPORT

Once the visa is ready for collection the diplomatic post will notify the applicant, who will either need to collect in person or via courier. Visas must be used within the period of validity (usually 90 days) as stated on the visa.