

# Bluecard Germany EU



**27th of April:** Today the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag) enacted the new Bluecard law!

[http://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2012/38766290\\_kw17\\_de\\_zuwanderung/index.html](http://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2012/38766290_kw17_de_zuwanderung/index.html)

<http://www.tagesschau.de/inland/bundestag630.html>

Now there is only one hurdle left, the Federal Council of Germany (Bundesrat) has to confirm the law. This shouldn't be a problem so we can expect the law to come into effect before summer!

**1st of March Update:** Today the draft of the new law has been discussed for the first time in the 'Bundestag'. There were no results so far, every party has her own arguments and there will be some updates/changes before the law will be discussed for the 2nd time.

Here is a link to the complete protocol of this day at the 'Bundestag'

<http://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/protokolle/plenarprotokolle/17162.pdf>

Only in German language!

This website gives you some information about the new 'Bluecard' for Germany. Please notice that this is just an info, no legal advice and no official website. It is a service for highly qualified experts who are looking for a job in Germany and for people who are already in Germany and want to improve their visa status.

The Government wants to attract more highly qualified experts and therefore they make it easier to get a German work permit. The draft of the new law already passed the 'Bundesrat' and will be discussed at the 'Bundestag' on the 1st of March for the first time. The 'Bundestag' probably discuss the law 2 times more and then votes about it. If the majority agrees the law will be presented the 'Bundesrat' again and if it passes this final step it will be signed by the 'Bundespräsident' and then published in the 'Bundesgesetzblatt'. From an optimistic point of view we can expect the law to come into effect in the summer 2012. The whole process is called 'Gesetzgebungsverfahren' (legislative procedure).

The most important points are:

Applicants should provide a degree from a accredited University or at least 5 years experience in a related profession and an employment contract from a German company about 44.000,- € which is reduced to 33.000,- € for scientists, IT-Experts, Engineers and medical Doctors.

The so called 'Arbeitsmarktcheck' (labourmarket check) will be cancelled. This is a very important point, because this check extended the process from the application to the visa stamp in the passport for weeks!

The minimal income for very high qualified persons who are eligible to get the 'Niederlassungserlaubnis' from the beginning of their life in Germany will be reduced from 66.000,- € to 44.800,- € per year. **ATTENTION! This rule seems to be cancelled with the new Bluecard!!**

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