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Employment - Change of employer

- Do you have a residence permit for the purpose of employment or an EU Blue Card?
- Does your work permit specify a particular company?
- Do you want to change company?

Then please apply to have your residence permit for the purpose of employment or EU Blue Card amended. Please note, however, before our instructions.

Note: Your residence permit for the purpose of employment/your EU Blue Card does not have to be amended, if you

- have already worked for at least two years with a residence permit for the purpose of employment **or**
- you have resided continuously in Germany for at least three years with a residence permit (except for study)

and

- in addition, no time limit is fixed by law for your type of employment (such as, for example, in the case of speciality chefs or within the framework of an exchange of personnel of an internationally operating company).

You can then move to another skilled employment without prior approval. The Foreigners Registration Office will provide you with written confirmation of this on request.

- Do you still work for the same employer, but something has changed, for example the name of the company or of your job? Also in this case your residence permit EU does not need to be changed. Then please read our "fact sheet for foreign workers" (see below in section "More information").

Prerequisites

- **Possession of a valid residence permit for the purpose of employment or an EU Blue Card**

Your residence title needs to be changed? Then we recommend to book an appointment for the reissue.

- **Work permit is limited to one company and you want to change company**
- **Main residence in Berlin**
- **Application**

You can also send the application by e-mail, fax or post. But we recommend an appointment booking.

Documents required

- **Form "Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis"**

Stellenbeschreibung"

filled out

- **Copy of the employment contract**
(a draft is enough)
- **Passport**
If you apply in writing, submit copies of your passport as well.
- **Proof of main residence in Berlin**
 - Certificate of registration at the main residence or
 - lease and written confirmation of occupancy from the landlordMore on the topic in the section "More information".

Forms

- **Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis (job description)**
(https://www.berlin.de/formularverzeichnis/?formular=/labo/zuwanderung/_assets/mdb-f50329-stellenbeschreibung_2017.pdf)

Fees

- If the residence permit or EU Blue Card needs to be amended: free of charge
- If the residence permit or EU Blue Card has to be extended: 96.00 euros

Legal basis

- **section 18 Aufenthaltsgesetz - AufenthG**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0392)
- **section 82 para 6 Aufenthaltsgesetz**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/aufenthg_2004/_82.html)
- **section 9 Beschäftigungsverordnung**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/beschv_2013/_9.html)

More information

- **Fact sheet for foreign workers**
(https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/_assets/lea-4316a-merkblatt-fuer-arbeitnehmer-und-arbeitnehmerinnen-032023.pdf)
- **Business Immigration Service**
(<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/service/business-immigration-service/>)

Hinweise zur Zuständigkeit

- The location **Keplerstraße** is only responsible for this service if you have an EU Blue Card (Blaue Karte EU) or another residence title for the employment as an qualified skilled worker.
- The **location Friedrich-Krause-Ufer** is only responsible for this service if you have a residence permit for another employment.
- Does your employer take care of your residence law matters? Then ask your employer to contact our Business Immigration Service (see section "More information").