This provision covers all employment in Germany and is therefore not specifically applicable to scientific professions. Pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 2 no. 1 Residence Act, the spouse of the holder of an EU Blue Card needs to be able to communicate in the German language. The grant of a residence permit pursuant to section 18c of the Residence Act requires that the spouse needs to be able to communicate in the German language, which may be considered sufficient if he applies for a residence permit pursuant to section 18c (2) no. 1 Residence Act, section 2 (1) no. 2a Ordinance on Residence Act). For each calendar year, the Federal Ministry of the Interior announces the new minimum income threshold at the latest by 31st December of the previous year in the German Federal Gazette. The new minimum income thresholds may be adjusted at the beginning of the year. 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Foreigners who have
and research
for employment in science
section 5 Ordinance on
Foreign employees in
at Higher Education
(prospective) students
beneficiaries
Target group/
No 6 In principle yes; generally,
No Usually not necessary Concrete job offer Limited duration Yes, if basic requirements

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#### Section 16: Higher education studies / University and University of Applied Sciences / Graduates

- **Eligibility:** Higher education studies, section 19 Language courses, school education
- **Purpose:** Scientific research and development
- **Conditions:**
  - Doctoral candidate or university student
- **Provisions:**
  - Higher education studies
  - Settlement permit for highly qualified researchers
  - Language courses
- **Access:** University or University of Applied Sciences
- **Language skills requirement:** English level B2 or higher

### Section 18: Employment

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#### Section 18: Employment

- **Eligibility:** Foreign employees with professional qualifications
- **Provisions:** Employment
- **Purpose:** Employment
- **Conditions:**
  - Employer in Germany
  - Employment contract

### Section 18b: Settlement permit for highly qualified researchers

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#### Section 18b: Settlement permit for highly qualified researchers

- **Eligibility:** Highly qualified researchers
- **Provisions:** Settlement permit
- **Purpose:** Employment and personal freedom

### Section 19: Foreign employees with comparable educational background

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#### Section 19: Foreign employees with comparable educational background

- **Eligibility:** Foreign employees with comparable educational background
- **Provisions:** Settlement permit
- **Purpose:** Employment

### Section 19a: Foreign employees with a university degree

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#### Section 19a: Foreign employees with a university degree

- **Eligibility:** Foreign employees with a university degree
- **Provisions:** Settlement permit
- **Purpose:** Employment

### Section 20: Researchers

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#### Section 20: Researchers

- **Eligibility:** Researchers
- **Provisions:** Settlement permit
- **Purpose:** Employment

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### Related Sections

- **Section 16:** Higher education studies / University and University of Applied Sciences / Graduates
- **Section 18:** Employment
- **Section 18b:** Settlement permit for highly qualified researchers
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### Notes

- For further information, please refer to the relevant sections in the Residence Act.
- Contact the local Foreigners’ Registration Office for specific advice.
Notes

1. Pursuant to section 16 (3) Residence Act, the requirement of proof of basic German language skills is waived for the spouse pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 2 no. 1 Residence Act.

2. See section 19a (4) Residence Act

3. If the activity of the research institution is mainly financed by public resources, the presentation of the cost assumption regarding the concept of ‘doctoral studies’.

4. If they produce their dissertation as part of a research activity for which a hosting agreement was concluded with the officially recognised higher education institution.

5. Pursuant to section 19a (2) sentence 1 no. 2 Residence Act, the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs can also request a document that proves the foreigner's livelihood included in the proof.

6. With regard to a resident permit pursuant to section 16, livelihood is deemed secure in accordance with section 2 (3) Residence Act.

7. Pursuant to section 9 (2) sentence 1 no. 2 Residence Act the foreigners livelihood needs to be secure.

8. See section 62 (2) Income Tax Act

9. See section 30 (1) sentence 2 no. 1 Residence Act

10. See section 18b sentence 1 no. 4 in conjunction with section 9 (2) sentence 1 no. 7 Residence Act

11. See section 30 (1) sentence 2 no. 1 Residence Act

12. Identically, evidence of an economic support benefit is no longer necessary when an income certificate is submitted (first type).

13. The act of the measure described, namely, basic qualification, namely, the presentation of the completion declaration should be made for the General Administrative Regulation on the German Residence Act.

14. See section 19a (3) Residence Act

15. See section 19b (1) third sentence of the non-EU Blue Card.

16. See sections 27 (4) and 27 (5) Residence Act.

17. See section 18c (3) Residence Act. The grant of a residence permit pursuant to section 18c of the Residence Act requires that the holder has secure means of subsistence and does not entitle the holder to pursue an economic activity. Extension beyond 6 months is possible.

18. Student secondary/part-time jobs include work limited to academic activities for university-related organisations with the counselling activities of university associations, student committees or the World University Service. Problems of definition may be caused by the non-completion of the services.

19. See section 20 (7) no. 4 Residence Act.

20. This requirement may not be met in case the income required (i.e. proof of completed graduate at higher education institution) is not included in the German Federal Employment Agency.

21. Graduates who have been granted an adequate employment do not need the approval of the Federal Employment Agency.

22. See section 21c (2) no. 1 second sentence of the non-EU Blue Card.

23. Graduates who have been granted an adequate employment do not need the approval of the Federal Employment Agency.

24. See section 19a (6) sentence 1 and 2 Residence Act

25. See section 34 sentence 3 Ordinance on Residence

26. The general conditions for the subsequent immigration of dependents and spouses are laid down in section 15, 13, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 of the Federal Employment Agency

27. See section 20 Residence Act.

28. See section 30 (1) sentence 1 in conjunction with section 27 (4) Residence Act

29. See section 30 Residence Act

30. In principle, proof of basic German language skills is required for the spouse pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 1 no. 2 Residence Act

31. In accordance with section 19a (6) no. 1, the proof of income requirement is based on the requirement to live on the means earned at the same time. Therefore, it suffices to prove that the holder has secure means of subsistence and does not entitle the holder to pursue an economic activity. Extension beyond 6 months is possible.

32. To prove the holder's capability to pursue a profession, the Federal Employment Agency.

33. See section 30 (1) sentence 2 no. 1 Residence Act.

34. If the ‘principal’ person is in possession of a residence permit pursuant to sections 19, 20 or 21 Residence Act and the holder of the non-EU Blue Card is employed as a salaried employee in a company that fulfils the income requirements.

35. Pursuant to section 30 (1) sentence 3 no. 5, the spouse of the holder of an EU Blue Card is not required to give proof of German language at least on a basic level.

36. See section 62 (2) sentence 1 no. 2a Income Tax Act

37. See section 1 (7) sentence 1 no. 2a Parenting Benefit and Parental Leave Act

38. See section 1 (7) sentence 1 no. 2b Parenting Benefit and Parental Leave Act

39. See section 1 (7) sentence 1 no. 2a Parenting Benefit and Parental Leave Act

40. See section 19a (1) and 2 Residence Act

41. See section 19a (6) Residence Act

42. See section 19a (7) no. 2 Residence Act

43. See section 19a (8) no. 4 Residence Act

44. See section 44 no. 1 Ordinance on Residence

45. See section 44 no. 3 Ordinance on Residence

46. See section 9 (4) no. 3 Residence Act

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48. See section 19a (6) sentence 1 and 2 Residence Act

49. See section 19a (5) second sentence of the non-EU Blue Card.

50. In case of a residence permit pursuant to section 16, the income requirements are based on the Federal Employment Agency.

51. The requirement may be met in case the income required (i.e. proof of completed graduate at higher education institution) is not included in the German Federal Employment Agency.

52. See section 30 (1) sentence 2 no. 1 Residence Act.

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