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People who are applying for a residence permit in Germany usually have to prove that they have enough money for living expenses. This means that they must have enough money to support themselves and their family.

This includes, for example:

- Rent
- Food
- Clothing
- Health insurance
- Other important things

They are not allowed to receive any assistance from the state, such as social security or citizen's income.

The exact amount of money needed depends on various factors:

- The reason for wanting to stay in Germany
- The number of family members living with you
- Whether you have to provide for other people
- The amount of rent

The immigration authorities check this when you apply for a residence permit.

There are minimum wage requirements for certain types of residence. These are sometimes lower, for example for training or study. For other residence permits, such as the EU Blue Card, the minimum wages are higher.

You must provide proof of your income in the form of payslips and your employment contract or the '[Declaration of Employment](#)' form. In some cases, you can also use money in your bank account as proof. The required monthly amount is listed in the 'Required needs' column.

The following table is not exhaustive and is for guidance only. The decision is always made by the immigration authorities.

<b>Legal basis (Residence Act)</b>	<b>Purpose of stay</b>	<b>Required amount (e.g. in a blocked account)</b>	<b>Gross salary</b>
§ 16a	Vocational training at work/school	959,00 Euro	1.075,00 Euro
§ 16b	Studies, preparatory language course	992,00 Euro	1.118,00 Euro
§ 16d	Recognition of professional qualifications	1.091,00 Euro	1.230,00 Euro
§ 16f (without language course)	School attendance	992,00 Euro	1.118,00 Euro
§ 16f (language course only)	Language course	1.091,00 Euro	1.230,00 Euro
§ 18 Abs. 2 Nr. 5 / § 1 Abs. 2 S. 1 BeschV	First-time issuance of a residence permit pursuant to §§ 18a and 18b of the Residence Act (AufenthG) or pursuant to §§ 6, 22a, 24a and 26 (2) of the Employment Regulation Ordinance (BeschV) to persons who have reached the age of 45	-	4.647,50 Euro or annually 55.770,00 Euro
§ 18g Abs. 1 S. 1	EU Blue Card (standard occupations)	-	4.225,00 Euro or annually 50.700,00 Euro
§ 18g Abs. 1 S. 2 § 18g Abs. 2	EU Blue Card (shortage occupations, career starters, IT specialists)	-	3.827,85 Euro or annually 45.934,20 Euro
§ 19c Abs. 2 i.V.m. § 6 BeschV	Experienced professionals	-	3.802,50 Euro or annually 45.630,00 Euro
§§ 20, 20a	Job search, opportunity card	1.091,00 Euro	1.230,00 Euro