RESIDENCE LEGALISATION GDAŃSK / EU BLUE CARD / 2026

EU Blue Card in Gdańsk: qualifications, contract and salary

The EU Blue Card is a temporary residence permit for work in a profession requiring high qualifications. This guide explains the conditions, documents and the path in MOS, in four layers from the general to the detailed.

Layer 1. In brief

- The application is filed by the foreigner through MOS; the employer completes and electronically signs Annex 1, and in the form the applicant also answers the questions from Annex 2.
- A written contract for at least 6 months in a profession requiring higher qualifications is required.
- The annual gross remuneration under the contract may not be lower than 150% of the average salary in the national economy for the year preceding the filing. According to MOS, in 2026 it may not be less than PLN 160,264.08 (1.5 × PLN 8,903.56 × 12).
- Stamp duty: PLN 440; fee for issuing the residence card: PLN 100 (according to MOS).
- The EU Blue Card gives special mobility options within the EU and more favourable rules for counting stay towards EU long-term resident status.

Locally in Gdańsk. Residence cases are handled by the Foreigners Department of the Pomeranian Voivodeship Office, ul. Okopowa 21/27, 80-810 Gdańsk. Office helpline: 222 500 134 (working days, 7:45–15:45 Tuesday to Friday, until 18:00 on Mondays). Current information: Foreigners' affairs at the Voivodeship Office and wsc.gdansk.uw.gov.pl.

Layer 2. Substantive conditions

Professional qualifications

- Non-regulated profession: a diploma or certificate of completion of higher education of at least 3 years (first-cycle, second-cycle, long-cycle master's or doctoral studies), or documented professional experience in the given profession. Information on recognition of foreign diplomas: NAWA.
- Regulated profession: documents confirming formal qualifications and the conditions for practising the profession. Information on regulated professions: NAWA, regulated professions.

Contract and remuneration

The contract may be an employment contract, an outwork contract or a civil-law contract (e.g. contract of mandate, contract for specific work), concluded in writing for at least 6 months. Annual gross remuneration must meet the statutory threshold. The threshold changes every year with the average salary announced by the President of Statistics Poland (GUS), so always check the value in force on the day of filing. The working conditions in Annex 1 must be current on the day the permit is issued and consistent with the contract.

Health insurance

For a contract for specific work: a current document confirming health insurance. For continued employment in Poland: a ZUS certificate of payment of health contributions.

Layer 3. Procedure and documents

In MOS

- The temporary residence application form (with the questions of Annex 2) signed via login.gov.pl.
- Annex 1 completed by the employer and signed by a person authorised to represent them (trusted, personal or qualified signature).
- A scan of all pages of a valid travel document (PDF) and a current digital photograph (JPG).
- Proof of stamp duty (PLN 440) and of the fee for issuing the residence card (PLN 100) as an electronic document or a scan.

On the voivode's summons (deadline of at least 14 days)

- The contract confirming the purpose of stay and the required income.
- The diploma or other qualification documents (or documents on a regulated profession).
- A health insurance document, if required in your situation.
- A power of attorney together with stamp duty, if you wish to be represented in the proceedings (you still perform the filing actions personally).

At the visit to the office you show the original travel document and give fingerprints and a specimen signature; the visit date is set no earlier than 7 days after the summons is delivered.
Foreign-language documents require a sworn translation.

Stamp duty for the permit	For the EU Blue Card, according to MOS, it is PLN 440; PLN 100 for issuing the residence card. Account according to the Voivodeship Office: Urząd Miejski w Gdańsku, 31 1240 1268 1111 0010 3877 3935. Payment title (in Polish): "opłata za zezwolenie na pobyt czasowy/stały/rezydenta długoterminowego UE oraz imię i nazwisko wnioskodawcy".
Fee for issuing the residence card	Payable only after you receive the permit decision (there is no obligation to pay earlier). Account according to the Voivodeship Office: Pomorski Urząd Wojewódzki w Gdańsku, 07 1010 1140 0169 1322 3100 0000. Payment title (in Polish): "opłata za wydanie karty pobytu oraz imię i nazwisko wnioskodawcy".
Before you pay	Take account numbers and payment titles only from the current Voivodeship Office page: Fees for applications. The data may change.

Layer 4. EU mobility, EU resident and official sources

- A holder of an EU Blue Card issued in another Member State may apply for a temporary residence permit for long-term mobility in Poland; the conditions include prior residence in that state on the basis of an EU Blue Card.
- Stays on an EU Blue Card in different EU states can be added together when applying for EU long-term resident status (the "2+3" rule: the last 2 years in Poland and the preceding 3 years in the EU). Details are in the "EU Resident" document.
- Appeal against a refusal decision: to the Head of UdSC, in writing, through the voivode, within 14 days of delivery of the decision.
- MOS: EU Blue Card (information)
- MOS: EU Blue Card, documents
- MOS portal
- Pomeranian Voivodeship Office: foreigners' affairs
- Pomeranian Voivodeship Office: fees for applications

- Foreigners Department in Gdańsk (wsc.gdansk.uw.gov.pl)
- Office for Foreigners: new version of the MOS portal
- NAWA: recognition of diplomas

> Questions about your case: **wniosek@legalizacja-pobytu-gdansk.pl**. The legalizacja-pobytu-gdansk.pl service is an independent support team, not a state website.

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