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# Chancenkarte — In Germania senza offerta di lavoro

Nuovo permesso dal 2024: In Germania senza offerta. Sistema a punti — minimo 6.

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# Carta delle opportunità (Chancenkarte) — In Germania senza offerta di lavoro

> The Carta delle opportunità (Chancenkarte) is a new residence permit available since June 2024. It allows skilled workers from non-EU countries to enter Germany **senza offerta di lavoro** and search for work on the ground.

## Two Paths to the Carta delle opportunità

### Path 1: Fully Recognized Qualification

If your vocational or university qualification is **fully recognized** in Germany:

- **No points needed** — the card is issued directly
- **No language proof** required
- Also applies to qualifications obtained in Germany

### Path 2: Points System (minimum 6 points)

If your qualification is **not or only partially recognized**, you must achieve at least **6 points**:

| Criterion | Points |
|---|---|
| **Partial recognition** of qualification | 4 |
| **Shortage occupation** | 1 |
| **Work experience** 2+ years (last 5 yrs) | 2 |
| **Work experience** 5+ years (last 7 yrs) | 3 |
| **German A2** | 1 |
| **German B1** | 2 |
| **German B2+** | 3 |
| **English C1+** | 1 |
| **Age under 35** | 2 |
| **Age 35–40** | 1 |
| **Previous stay in Germany** (6+ months, last 5 yrs) | 1 |
| **Partner meets Chancenkarte requirements** | 1 |

**Basic requirement for Path 2:** Completed vocational or university training (min. 2 years) + German A1 OR English B2.

## What Does the Carta delle opportunità Allow?

• **Validity:** 1 year (extendable to 2 years if qualified employment found)

• **Part-time work:** Up to **20 hours/week** allowed

• **Trial work:** Up to **2 weeks per employer**

• **Job changes:** Unlimited — you can test different employers

## Requisiti finanziari

• **Living expenses:** Proof of at least **€1,091/month** net (2026)

• **Proof via:** Blocked bank account (Sperrkonto) OR declaration of commitment from a sponsor in Germany

• **Visa fee:** €75

## Come fare domanda

**1. Check qualification:** Is your degree recognized in Germany? Check at anabin.kmk.org

**2. Calculate points:** Use our Chancenkarte Calculator

**3. Gather documents:** Qualification certificates, language certificates, financial proof

**4. Apply online:** Via digital.diplo.de/chancenkarte

**5. Embassy appointment:** Apply for visa (processing time: 4–12 weeks)

**6. Enter Germany:** After receiving the visa

## Shortage Occupations — 1 Extra Point

Germany currently has **183 officially classified shortage occupations** (2026). Most sought-after:

• **IT & Technology:** Software developers, system administrators, data scientists

• **Engineering:** Electrical, mechanical, civil engineering

• **Healthcare:** Doctors, nurses, physiotherapists

• **Trades:** Electricians, plumbers, welders, mechatronics

• **Transport:** Truck drivers, train operators

Official list: Federal Employment Agency

## Carta delle opportunità vs. EU Blue Card

| | Carta delle opportunità | EU Blue Card |
|---|---|---|
| **Job offer needed?** | No | Yes |
| **Minimum salary** | None | €50,700 / €45,934 (shortage) |
| **Work permit** | 20h/week + trial work | Full-time |
| **Validity** | 1 year | 4 years |
| **For whom?** | Job-seeking professionals | Professionals with job offer |

## Important Notes

• The Carta delle opportunità is **NOT a work visa** — you may only work part-time while searching

• Once you find qualified employment, you switch to a regular residence permit

- **Family reunification** is generally **not possible** with the Carta delle opportunità
- The card **cannot be extended** if no qualified employment is found