

# Blue Card | Process in Lithuania

## 1st stage

Employee eligibility

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Employee eligibility for a Blue Card must be verified based on salary, education or work experience thresholds.

### Eligibility criteria:

- Higher education in the relevant field or no less than 5 years of relevant work experience (3 years for IT specialists).
- Salary of at least 1.5x the average monthly salary for the last calendar year in Lithuania.
- Salary of at least 1.2x the average monthly salary for the last calendar year in Lithuania if the position is on the list of high value-adding professions.

If the employee does not have a higher education diploma, the employer needs to contact the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation to obtain a certificate confirming the suitability of the employee's qualifications.

## 2nd stage

Mediation Letter

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The employer submits a Mediation Letter to the Lithuanian Migration Department via its e-service system MIGRIS. The Mediation Letter is assigned a number which needs to be entered in the Blue Card application.

### Step 1

The employer submits information regarding the foreign employee's employment and education, as well as a copy of the employee's passport.

### Step 2

The employer shares the assigned Mediation Letter number with the employee.

## 3rd stage

Blue Card application & appointment

### Blue Card application process

The application process in Lithuania may take from 1 to 2 months. The process has three steps: first, the employee submits the Blue Card application online; then, the employee books and attends an appointment at the Migration Department

The Blue Card application processing fee is €160 for the standard and €320 for the urgent procedure.

### Step 1

The employee submits the Blue Card application online via MIGRIS and uploads all the necessary documents to the system.

### Step 2

After submitting the Blue Card application, the employee books an appointment at the Migration Department via MIGRIS.

### Step 3

At the Migration Department, the employee submits all the necessary document originals and biometric data, and pays the application processing fee.

### Arrival in Lithuania

The employee needs to make sure that their country of origin has a visa-free agreement with Lithuania or have a valid Schengen visa upon arrival.

If the document allowing to stay in Lithuania is valid for less than a month, the employee can apply for a Waiting Visa. This procedure may take up to 15 days. The application fee is €120.

Once in Lithuania, the employee can start working before collecting their Blue Card.

## 4th stage

Collecting the Blue Card

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The employee has two options to collect the Blue Card.

### Option 1

The employee may have a delivery service deliver the Blue Card to their given address.

### Option 2

The employee may collect the Blue Card in person at the Migration Department.

## 5th stage

Declaring the place of residence in Lithuania

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Upon collecting the Blue Card, the employee will have 1 month to declare their place of residence in Lithuania.

The employee may declare their place of residence at the Migration Department when collecting the Blue Card or by visiting the local Eldership office.

