

Germany's Chancenkarte (Opportunity Card) — Points-Based Job-Search Visa for Non-EU Professionals

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since June 2024, Germany's points-based Chancenkarte lets non-EU professionals enter without a job offer to search for work. Official data: 10,148 cards issued in year one (83% grant rate), 11,497 by mid-2025 — uptake still below government targets.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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