

The residence regulation: Your rights and obligations to the Jobcenter

If you are a recognised refugee, have received an entitlement to asylum, subsidiary protection or another right of protection, and need **support**, you can receive state benefits. If you are older than 15, these benefits will be applied for at the **Jobcenter**.

What should you pay particular attention to?

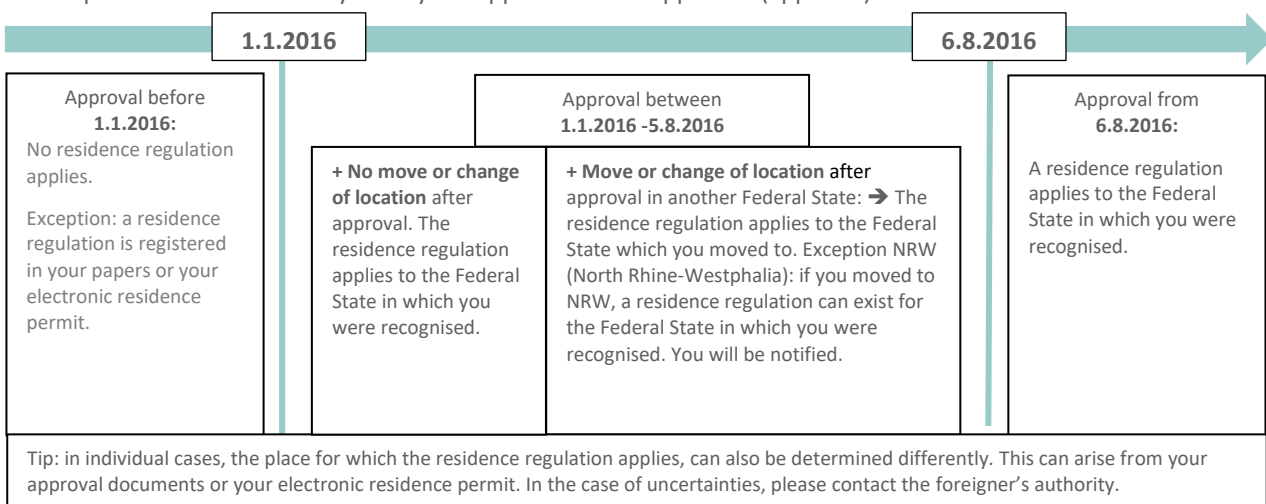
- You must make an application to the Jobcenter in your place of residence.
- At the Jobcenter, you must give accurate details and submit the correct papers.
- The Jobcenter will help you with integration and job searching. However, you must play your part. You must come to appointments at the Jobcenter, and take part in measures and courses. If this is not possible, you must notify the Jobcenter, and explain why you cannot participate.
- The Jobcenter must be able to reach you every day. In the case of absence, you must talk to the Jobcenter beforehand.
- If a residence regulation applies to you, you must adhere to this. You can find more information about this in this flyer.

What does “residence regulation” mean?

- The foreigner’s authority can determine, which Federal State or which city you must live in.
- Even if a residence regulation applies to you, you can travel in Germany. But: if you receive benefits from the Jobcenter, the Jobcenter must allow the trip beforehand.

How do you know whether a residence regulation applies to you?

This depends on the date that your asylum application was approved (approval):



What happens if you do not live in the place that you have to live in?

- You can be bound to pay a penalty (fine from 5 to 1000 Euros).
- If you already receive benefits from the Jobcenter, these could be reduced or even cut completely. More information to follow.

Does the residence regulation always apply?

No.

For example, it does not apply: if you or your spouse, or your minor child

- **work** at least 15 hours per week, and therefore earn more than €710 per month,
- complete an apprenticeship or study.

This also includes: participation in work oriented or work preparation measures to start an apprenticeship, study preparation language courses and attending a preparatory college.

The foreigner's authority can give you further information about this. You must make an application to the foreigner's authority, if you no longer want to be subject to the residence regulation.

What to pay particular attention to at the Jobcenter?



You can only apply for benefits from the Jobcenter that is responsible in the city of your residence regulation. If your residence regulation applies to a Federal State in its entirety, you can choose a city in the Federal State, and make the application for benefits there.

What happens, if you apply for benefits at the wrong Jobcenter?

- The Jobcenter accepts the application, and checks which Jobcenter is responsible for you.
- You will only receive benefits in the city, where you are allowed to live according to your residence regulation, and if you also live there.
- The Jobcenter will inform you, where you can apply for benefits. This means:
 - » If you have to live in a certain Federal State, you can choose a city in this Federal state yourself. You must inform the Jobcenter of the city, and your application will then be sent to the Jobcenter of this city. As soon as you live in the selected city, and register with the Jobcenter, you can receive your benefits. If you do not state any city, and do not work together with the Jobcenter, then the Jobcenter can reject your application, and then you will not receive any benefits.
 - » If you have to live in a certain city, the Jobcenter will send the application to the Jobcenter in this city. You must register there if you want to receive benefits. Another Jobcenter will not pay you any benefits.
- In order to travel to the city where you have to live, the Jobcenter can approve benefits (e.g. a ticket) for the journey. Enquire about this.
- If it is still unclear whether a residence regulation applies to you, or where you have to live, the Jobcenter can approve benefits for you until this is clarified.

Do you still have questions?

The Jobcenter or advice centres on site will be pleased to help you.