



Welcome to Germany!

Only in September, 164.000 people arrived in Germany in order to find here a new homeland. The German Government as well many voluntaries are doing their best for helping everybody. However, due to the big number of arriving people, it is sometimes very difficult to make decisions and to help quickly.

In order to let you know what will happen now and to give you some answers to your first questions, we have summarized on this sheet some information for you.

What will happen now?

After your arrival you can file an asylum request at the following authorities:

- At a border control authority
- At a police station
- At any other Federal Office

You will be sent to a first accommodation center which normally is a big center, often fenced, where you will live during the first three months of your stay in Germany. You'll be registered, medical tests and photos will be made, you'll get an ID card. The Federal Office will ask you why you had to escape and then you'll get a residence permit which allows you to stay in Germany until the final decision on your asylum request. After the first three months you will probably move. The distribution of the people is realized according to a special distribution system to the different federal countries. You will live in an apartment or, in all probability, in a communal living quarter until the final decision on your asylum request will be taken.

I have family in Germany/in Europe

Some refugees would like to live where already somebody of their family is living. You always should tell at the Federal Office if you have relatives in Germany or Europe, where they are living and if you want to go there – also if these relatives aren't husbands or minor children.

I'm already registered / I have already filed an asylum request in another country of the European Community

Maybe you'll be sent you back to the country where you'd been registered primarily in order to wait there for the decision on your asylum request. Ask for juridical help!

When am I allowed to be engaged?

During the first three months of your stay you aren't allowed to be engaged. But also after this period it will be very difficult to find a job, due to the law of the „preferential employee“ – these are Germans, Europeans and accepted refugees. Generally for having a job or making training, the permission of the Federal Employment Office is necessary.

Important tips

- You should always carry along with you your actual ID card!
- The German authorities should know your actual address at any time!
- Before handing out a document, you should make a copy!
- You should always open your letters immediately!
- For any questions you can always contact eva@jheimatstern.org

We wish you a good start in Germany!

