

Asylum procedures and employment, training and studies

In the first three months after applying for asylum, asylum seekers are not allowed to work. However, internships and studies are generally possible even at the beginning of the asylum procedure. If the migration office extends your residence permit, you can apply to be allowed to work as well.

Competent Department

- [Aufenthalt](#)
- [Migrationsamt](#)

Basic information

Training, internships and studies are usually permitted during the asylum procedure. The Migration Office will note this in your residence permit when it is extended.

Employment as a salaried employee is only permitted with the approval of the Migration Office and the Federal Employment Agency. In order to have employment approved, you need a concrete job offer from an employer (see under Forms) who would like to employ you.

Exception:

In principle, you are not allowed to work:

- Persons who are obliged to live in a reception facility.
- Persons from so-called "safe countries of origin" who have submitted their asylum application after 31.08.2015.
(Safe countries of origin are: Member States of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Senegal and Serbia).

Procedure

In order to have employment approved, you need a concrete job offer from an employer who wants to employ you. The employer must completely fill out the job offer form that you can download here (see under Forms). Only if the job offer is completely filled out and signed by the employer, this employment can be allowed.

Please mail us the completed scanned job offer to <mailto:ref30@migrationsamt.bremen.de> or send it to us by mail to:

Migration Office,

Department 3,
Stresemannstr. 48,
28207 Bremen.

The Migration Office sends the job offer to the Federal Employment Agency, which checks the job offer. This procedure usually takes 21 days. Only if the Federal Employment Agency agrees, the Migration Office may grant permission for employment.

When the Federal Employment Agency has made its decision, we inform them in writing about the result.

Legal bases

- [Beschäftigungsverordnung](#)
- [Asylgesetz \(AsylG\)](#)
- [Aufenthaltsgesetz \(AufenthG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The duration of the procedure is usually 4 weeks after receipt of the application by the Migration Office.

What are the costs?

There is no cost for employment authorization.